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**Stamp**

**Bulletin No. 130**

Commemorative Issue

**WORLD - WIDE SIGHT  
CONSERVATION PROJECT**



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Ministry of Posts and  
Telecommunications,  
Lotus Road,  
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Sri Lanka.

16th November, 1982.

THE Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications will issue today a commemorative stamp in the denomination of Rs. 2.50 to promote Worldwide Sight Conservation Project.

The idea of donation of eyes was mentioned in a newspaper article in Sunday Lankadipa by Mr. Hudson Silva (Medical Student) on 19.01.1958. The Sri Lanka Eye Donation Society was inaugurated on 11.06.1961 to propagate this service.

The campaign was extremely successful and by 1963 there were signs that an excess of eyes may be available. The first shipment of eyes abroad took place on 25.05.64 (Vesak Day) by sending six eyes to the Government General Hospital in Singapore.

By the end of March, 1982, over 510,000 persons including many religious and social leaders had bequeathed their eyes. After meeting Sri Lanka's requirements 10,000 eyes had been gifted to 109 cities in 40 countries, viz., Abu Dhabi, Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Brunei, China, Cyprus, Dubai, Egypt, England, Ethiopia, Hong-kong, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Jordan,

Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Lesotho, Malaysia, Maldives, New Zealand, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sharjah, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Taiwan, Thailand, U.S.A., Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Among the Service Clubs helping the Sri Lanka International Eye Bank, Lions Clubs took the lead by contributing generously to the campaign and the building fund. Lion Kaoru Murakami, International President, 1981/82, made worldwide sight conservation one of his special interests.

The emblem of the Eye Donation Society depicts the lighting up of an eye and thereby lighting up the world. Lion International President's emblem goes with the motto "People at Peace".

#### **Philatelic Details**

<i>Date of Issue</i>	: 1982.11.16
<i>Value</i>	: Rs. 2.50
<i>Colours</i>	: Four
<i>Designer</i>	: Grant Kenyon & Eckhardt (Lanka) Ltd.
<i>Printers</i>	: Mezhdunarodnaia Kniga, Moscow—U.S.S.R.
<i>Format</i>	: Vertical
<i>Size</i>	: 31 × 42 mm.
<i>Printing Process</i>	: Offset
<i>Sheet Composition</i>	: 100 Stamps per sheet
<i>Paper</i>	: Special Art Paper 105G.S.M.
<i>Gum</i>	: Tropical Gum
<i>Quantity Printed</i>	: 1,000,000 Stamps

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<i>Serial No.</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Denomination</i>	<i>Date of Issue</i>
1.	F. R. Senanayake ..	50 cents ..	82.01.01
2.	Philip Gunawardane ..	50 cents ..	82.01.11
3.	50 Years—Department of Inland Revenue ..	50 cents ..	82.02.09
4.	Inauguration of National T.V. ..	Rs. 2.50 ..	82.02.15
5.	Sri Lanka First Test Cricket Match ..	Rs. 2.50 ..	82.02.17
6.	Flowers of Sri Lanka* ..	35 cents Rs. 2.00 Rs. 7.00 Rs. 20.00	} 82.04.01
7.	Food and Nutrition Policy Planning ..	50 cents ..	
8.	World Hindu Conference ..	50 cents ..	
9.	Vesak—1982* ..	35 cents 50 cents Rs. 2.50 Rs. 5.00	
10.	Opening of New Parliament Building ..	50 cents ..	
11.	Dr. C. W. W. Kannangara	50 cents ..	82.05.22
12.	125th Birth Anniversary of Lord Baden Powell ..	50 cents ..	82.05.24
13.	Dr. Gunapala Malalasekara	50 cents ..	82.05.26
14.	World Buddhist Congress	50 cents ..	82.06.01
15.	World Environment Day	50 cents ..	82.06.05
16.	Sir Waithyalingam Durai- swamy ..	50 cents ..	82.06.14

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17.	Centenary of Colombo Y. M. C. A.	Rs. 2.50	82.06.24
18.	Rev. Welivita Sri Saranankara Sangharaja Thero..	50 cents	82.07.05
19.	25 Years—Sasana Sevaka Samithiya	50 cents	82.08.04
20.	Dr. Robert Koch Centenary	50 cents	82.09.21
21.	Sir John Kotelawala	50 cents	82.10.02
22.	World-wide Sight Conservation Project	Rs. 2.50	82.11.16
23.	125th Anniversary of Sri Lanka Postage Stamp *..	50 cents Rs. 5.00	82.12.02
24.	Sir Oliver Goonetilake	50 cents	

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\* Souvenir Sheet available.