

College Fellowship Award

Presenting, Professor D. J. Anthony for the honorary fellowship of the College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka

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Prof. Anthony's career in medicine began when he graduated with honors from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya, in 1987. After completing the internship, he joined the Department of Anatomy, Faculty of Medicine, Colombo as a demonstrator in 1991. He successfully completed his training and MS part 2 in surgery, in 2001. Following his passion for surgical excellence, he proceeded for overseas training at the prestigious Princes Royal Hospital in Farnborough, London. There he successfully obtained his fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

His dedication to medical education is evident in his position as Professor in Anatomy in the Department of Anatomy, Genetics and Biomedical Informatics, where he played an active role as an academic over 30 years in disseminating knowledge and skills and winning the hearts of both undergraduate and postgraduate students in anatomy, surgery, and ophthalmology.

Prof. Anthony has served as the Chair of the Specialty Board in Anatomy and member in the boards of Basic Medical Sciences and Radiology at the PGIM.

Currently he is a member of the Board of Study in Basic Medical Sciences of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM), University of Peradeniya.

He has served on the panel of examiners for the Royal College of Surgeons of London for more than fifteen years and has contributed as an examiner to the Postgraduate selection examination in Ophthalmology. He is also a regular panel member of the Pre-Board Certification Assessment Viva in Ophthalmology.

He has held various leadership roles. As the Head of the Department of Anatomy and the Department of Allied Health Sciences, Prof. Anthony's leadership and vision has shaped the growth and development of

medical education. Presently, he holds the position of Director of the Curriculum Implementation Unit, of Faculty of Medicine, Colombo.

He is a postgraduate examiner in Anatomy, Ophthalmology, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Sports Medicine and serves as an undergraduate external examiner in both Anatomy and Surgery, at Peradeniya, Sri Jayawardanapura, Kelaniya, Karapitiya, Eastern, Jaffna, Rajarata, Wayamba and Sabaragamuwa Universities.

Professor D. J. Anthony is a well-known resource person in postgraduate courses conducted by colleges of surgeons, ophthalmologists and the PGIM Colombo. Prof. Anthony, a renowned researcher, has authored numerous publications in indexed journals, earning National Research Council (NRC) Merit Awards for his scientific contributions.

He is a reviewer to many journals including the *Journal of Clinical Anatomy*.

Prof. Anthony's talents extend beyond the medical field. He is a gifted musician, excelling as a guitarist, keyboard player, graded vocalist, and a member of the audition panel for light songs recognized by the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation. His musical creativity has resulted in the composition of many original masterpieces and the production of his own music albums.

In addition to his medical and musical endeavors, Prof. Anthony has played a vital role in disseminating medical knowledge to the general public through newspaper articles and television programs. His contributions as a scriptwriter, actor, and presenter in the popular Rupawahini drama series "Man Asai Mata Kiyanna" has won prestigious accolades, including the "Sumathi Tele Award."

Furthermore, Prof. Anthony has demonstrated his commitment to the arts by serving as the President of the Arts Council of the University of Colombo. During his tenure, he successfully organized the country's first ballet opera, "Ravana," with the students of University of Colombo.

Throughout his illustrious career, Prof. Anthony has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to patient care, medical education, and research, elevating the standards of ophthalmology and medical sciences in Sri Lanka and beyond.

His contributions have undoubtedly left an indelible mark on the medical community, and we are confident that his legacy will continue to inspire generations of medical professionals to come.

President Sir,

With profound admiration for his extensive achievements and contribution to ophthalmology, medical education, research, and the arts, I take immense pleasure in presenting Prof. D. J. Anthony for the conferment of the honorary fellowship of the College of Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka.