

**COLOMBO YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION**

**THE LIGHT OF ASIA CONTEST - 2025**

The light of Asia oratory contest generally known as "Light of Asia Contest" an annual major event organized by Colombo Young Men's Buddhist Association since 1824. Extension to the main contest, a separate contest for Piriven has been introduced subsequently since 2023. This year - 2025 too the contest is scheduled to be taken place.

**The participants will be judged on (a) the Accuracy of text (b) Pronunciation (c) Audibility and Clarity of Voice (d) Vocal and Facial Expressions (e) Understanding of the Text.** Candidates will be questioned by the judges and they to be prepared to explain the meaning of the passage recited in two to three minutes as to what the candidate understood from the lines recited.

The contestants will be categorized into two groups. The candidates to recite the number of lines from the "Light of Asia" by Sir Edwin Arnold as below mentioned.

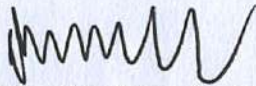
Group 1	-	Piriven Grade 01 to 03	-	10 Lines
Group 2	-	Piriven Grade 04 to 05	-	15 Lines

Preliminary rounds are scheduled to be held in Colombo and Outstations and locations and schedules will be informed later.

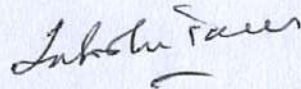
Each of the two groups will have three prize winners.

Applications for the contest being sent and uploaded in the YMBA web. Applications to reach undersigned not later than 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The contest will commence in the months of May/June or July 2025. Admission cards will be posted for every eligible candidate. Any eligible candidate who does not receive an admission card should contact this office on Telephone 011-2698083/2695786. The finals date will be communicated to the selected contestants.



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**Hon. President**  
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**YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION, COLOMBO**

**Application for Admission to the**  
**"THE LIGHT OF ASIA" CONTEST - 2025**  
**(Piriven Students)**

NAME IN FULL : - .....

(in capital letters)

DATE OF BIRTH : ..... AGE : .....

GENDER : .....

PIRIVEN GRADE & GROUP : .....

POSTAL ADDRESS : .....

CONTACT DETAILS : Mobile ..... WhatsApp No. ....

EMAIL ADDRESS : .....

PIRIVENA ATTENDING : .....

ADDRESS : .....

TELEPHONE NO : .....

NAME OF THE ENGLISH TEACHER: .....

CONTACT NO : .....

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Signature of Applicant

DATE :

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the particulars stated above are true and correct.

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Parivenadipathi Thero

Date : .....