

An organizer par-excellence and event coordinator who can rank with top coordinators of the world, Leslie Vernon is my friend and collaborator.

Leslie's inputs and help given to research my book on Japan "Wondering with Pleasure – Along Hanamichi", were invaluable. Not only did he arrange and took me to diverse locations of Japan, he also helped me to find the ancient stories of the places we visited. When we launched the Book at the Lanka Vihara Auditorium in Savara Katori, Leslie's organizational skills came to the forefront.

Leslie is also a dedicated social worker. When the 2011 March 11 Tsunami struck the coastal cities of Japan, Leslie elected to remain there and help those who were homeless and destitute.

When I arrived in Japan three weeks later to look for friends who were affected by the Tsunami and to find out the ground situation, Leslie accompanied me in that somewhat dangerous journey to Sendai and Fukushima. Again, his help was invaluable when I published my book, "Ganbaro Nippon", covering my experiences as the first Sri Lankan media person to tour the affected area.

As a Television Production coordinator, Leslie has been closely involved in a number of well-known productions and documentaries. These include Sekai fushigi hakken, Homukami, and Nakagawa shoko SP, that have contributed much to increasing awareness about Sri Lanka in Japan and amongst the Japanese.

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