Kajit "KJ" Habanananda from Bangkok, Thailand, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 81st International Convention, held in Birmingham, England, June 29-July 3, 1998.

Past International President "KJ" Habanananda became a Lion in 1965 and is still active in his Multiple District 310 (Thailand) to this day.

He believes that the true strength of Lions Clubs derives from quality membership, extension and youth activities. And that Lions must always adapt and adjust to their changing world.

Past International President Kajit "KJ" Habanananda was appointed as the Chairperson of the Global Action Team (GAT) in 2019. His main focus for the GAT is to support districts’ efforts to achieve their goals, as well as to provide constant support at the club level in the areas of service, membership and leadership development.

He is one of the highest progressive Melvin Jones Fellows and was the first Lead Gift donor for LCIF. He is the recipient of many local and international awards including the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members.

Past International President Kajit "KJ" Habanananda is fond of flying, reading and golfing. Although he has retired, he has a wide range of professional experience including oil, airlines, tourism, aerospace, telecommunications and international consulting.