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Secretaries to Ministries
Chief Secretaries of Provinces
Heads of Departments and
Heads of State Corporations/Statutory Boards

Commencement of Work Year – 2016

You are kindly informed to conduct a special programme with the participation of all the public servants on Friday the 01st January being the first working day of year 2016, emphasizing the need for a attitudinal change in all public servants to create a better tomorrow with a new economic and social order for the benefit of all Sri Lankans.

02. The main official ceremony will be held at 9.00 a.m. on the said date at the premises of Presidential Secretariat under the auspices of the Secretary to H.E. the President. Action should be taken to hold this programme at all government institutions and offices representing National, Provincial, District and Divisional level, concurrently to the main ceremony. Accordingly, below mentioned programme should be followed in this regard.

- I. Hoisting the National Flag by the Head of the Institution or Office, in the presence of the members of all the staff (at the instances where the gathering of whole staff is restricted due to limited space, any alternative arrangement may be made to ensure the participation of every officer of the institution.)
- II. Singing the National Anthem after hoisting the National Flag
- III. Observing two minutes silence to commemorate the war heroes and others who sacrificed their lives on behalf of the motherland.
- IV. Reading aloud the Oath of Public Servants (attached herewith) in any language convenient for the members of the staff.
- V. Delivering a brief speech by the Head of the Institution, on the necessity of ensuring the prompt, honest and unwavering contribution of all members of the staff, in the effort of creating a better tomorrow with a new economic and social order for the benefit of all Sri Lankans, as the concluding event of the programme.

03. You are kindly requested to take the initiative to make this programme a success.

Sgd/J. Dadallage
Secretary
Ministry of Public Administration and Management

Copies- Hon. Governors of all provinces.

Oath/ Affirmation of the Public Service

Today, the first of January of year 2016,

marks the commencement of a new year of which the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka makes the expectations of people of the country a reality

I, an employee paid by the public do hereby swear/ affirm to perform each and every way the role entrusted to me in the implementation of public policies and goals,

efficiently,

productively,

with firm determination,

and utmost dedication,

honesty,

and with loyalty to the public,

with a view to meet the challenges of developing the motherland which flourishes as one country, one nation under one flag with unity and harmony and to make the effort of creating a better tomorrow with a new economic and social order for the benefit of all Sri Lankans, during this new year commencing today.