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Secretaries to Ministries
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Commencement of Work, Year – 2022

The country is gearing up for normalization facing the global pandemic of Covid – 19 by vaccinating all the eligible population throughout year 2021 in an environment where booster dosing is rapidly gaining momentum. The National Development Program prioritizes the optimal use of land, water and sun-fed natural resources to promote organic agriculture and renewable energy generation, with a focus on creating a green Sri Lanka with sustainable solutions to climate change. The budget this year emphasizes on the effective use of public resources and public funds in the management of public finances, and thus decentralizes activities as much as possible and streamlines the provision of services at the lowest possible cost. Combining these aspects, the role of the public service is to create a conducive environment for the expanding business community, from the home economy to the upper business, to strengthen the national production economy.

02. It emphasizes the need for a change in the attitude of all public employees towards efficient management of government resources and commitment to work for the benefit of present and future generations, with the sole objective of achieving social and economic aspirations in the year 2022. Furthermore, it is the responsibility of public employees to rebuild the socio-economic progress that was delayed by the Covid-19 epidemic in the two years 2020-2021 and to build a strong country by 2022. Accordingly, I hereby direct all public employees to launch the necessary operations in their workplaces on Monday, January 03, the first day of duty in the year 2022.

03. The main official ceremony will be held at 9.00 a.m. on the said date at the premises of Presidential Secretariat. 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 in accordance with the health guidelines given to prevent Covid -19. Accordingly, below mentioned programme should be followed in this regard.

- I. Singing the National Anthem after hoisting the National Flag through alternative arrangements to ensure the representation of all staff members in accordance with the Health Guidelines.
 - II. Observing two minutes silence to commemorate the war heroes and others who sacrificed their lives on behalf of the motherland.
 - III. Reading aloud the Oath of Public Servants (attached herewith) in any language convenient for the members of the staff.
 - IV. Delivering a brief speech by a resource person from an officer in the field of Health, which emphasizes the responsibility of each individual and the society as a whole to prevent the spread of Covid -19, which is the major health issue faced by the country at present.
 - V. Delivering a brief and motivating speech on the requirement of committed contribution of the Public Service to achieve the targets and unique priorities in the policy statement of the government in order to create a productive citizen, happy family, disciplined, fair and Blue/Green country.
04. You are kindly requested to take the initiative to make this programme a success.

Sgd/ J.J. Rathnasiri
Secretary
Ministry of Public Services,
Provincial Councils and Local Government

Copies - Hon. Governors of all provinces

Oath/ Affirmation of the Public Service

Today, the first working day of year Two Thousand and Twenty - Two,
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 being a part of a pure government which guides the
human resource equipped with modern technology, 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

to create a disciplined, law abiding and healthy society under the vision of Vistas of
prosperity and splendor,

and to create a people-centric economy through development of physical resources
focused on sustainable environment management

through an accelerated development which ensures benefits to every citizen and also to
create a well secured future for the Sri Lankans and future generation.