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Minister of Public Administration &
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Secretaries to Ministries
Chief Secretaries of Provinces
Heads of Departments and
Heads of State Corporations/Statutory Boards

Commencement of Duties, Year – 2019

His Excellency the President had emphasized the need of bolstering the program for formation of economically empowered nation in the year 2019, which enriched with moral values, environmental friendliness and devoid of alcohol and drugs. Therefore instructions are hereby issued to implement a special program with participation of all Public Servants on Tuesday 1st January 2019, the first working day of the year, with the primary aim to inculcate the attitudes among the Public Servants to work with a commitment and to realize the said objective for formation of a economically empowered Nation.

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 theme based on the necessity of ensuring the prompt, honest and unwavering contribution of all members of the staff, for the implementation of the programme to achieve a sustainable development in Sri Lanka.
03. You are kindly requested to take the initiative to make this programme a success.

Sgd/ J.J. Rathnasiri
Secretary
Minister of Public Administration &
Disaster Management

Oath/ Affirmation of the Public Service

Today, the first working day of year 2019,

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 form an economically empowered nation in the year 2019, which enriched with moral values, environmental friendliness and devoid of alcohol and drugs

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.