

Public Administration Circular No.32/88

Ministry of Public Administration,
Independence Square,
Colombo 7.

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To: All Secretaries to Ministries,
Heads of Departments and
Chairmen of Public Corporations.

State Sahithya Celebrations 1988 - September 23rd, 24th
& 25th Sahithya Celebrations at Ministry, Department and
Corporation level.

Arrangements have been made by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs to hold the State Sahithya Celebrations on an elaborate scale at Diyatalawa on 23rd, 24th and 25th September 1988. The Ministry has also taken steps to secure the participation of all Provincial Councils, Government departments and institutions, public corporations, schools, Pirivenas, temples, Gramodaya Mandalas, Pradeshiya Mandalas and other public organisations such as rural development societies, community centres, etc.

2. It also considers that it would be appropriate to make use of the Sahithya Month to liberate from the mechanical routine of office work, those employed in Government institutions accustomed to reading good literature that promotes the development of humanist qualities and high literary tastes. It would also help to inculcate in them appropriate humanist virtues for their better commitment to work for the public welfare.

3. It is also very important that you and the various societies in your institutions and those in them that are interested in literature who have developed good taste and are devoted to qualitative and intellectual improvement should extend the fullest co-operation to the island-wide programme that has been arranged for literary seminars, lectures competitions and cultural festivities during this month.

4. For this purpose, the Ministry of Cultural Affairs proposes to give a fresh impetus to the literary societies that are already there in your institutions or in those affiliated to them. I forward in Sinhala a draft of a Constitution which may be suitably adopted for the purpose. If you wish any further assistance in this matter, please communicate with the Secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

5. This Circular is being issued at the request of the Secretary to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs.

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Secretary,
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