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Secretaries of Ministries,
Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils and
Heads of Departments,
Heads of Public Corporations and Statutory Boards.

**Building up a Sri Lankan Identity based on the concepts of
Global Technology and the Sri Lankan Culture**

Most of the countries of the world have not neglected the programmes for safe-guarding constructive features of their native culture even in the face of predatory global invasion. The reality is that it is not possible for a country to safe-guard the real benefits of development outside the cultural elements unique to any country. Having taken this situation into consideration the Cabinet of Ministers has decided on the recommendations of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage that all Institutions in the Public Sector should take in following action as a pioneer step in the vast effort of inculcating into the minds of masses the Sri Lankan traditional ethics and customs.

01. All Public Institutions including Public Corporations and Statutory Boards should play the National Anthem at the commencement of work.
02. All Reception Officers in every Public Institution including Public Corporations and Statutory Boards should as appropriate to the situation receive guests with clasped hands and addressing them with the words Ayubowan / Vanakkam / Assalam Alaikkum.
03. Every officer in Telephone Exchanges in all Public Institutions including Public Corporations and Statutory Boards should as appropriate to the situation answer telephone calls with the words Ayubowan / Vanakkam / Assalam Alaikkum.
04. During the normal functions in all Institutions and during special occasions for guests, priority should be given to indigenous foods

Accordingly you are hereby informed to make necessary arrangements to implement above provisions in your Ministry and all relevant Institutions.

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