

Home Affairs Circular No: 03/2015

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Ministry of Home Affairs  
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Secretaries of Ministries  
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### **Celebrating the Republic Day**

Even though Sri Lanka was liberated from the British rule on 04<sup>th</sup> of February 1948, it further remained as a dominion of the British crown. However with the Republican Constitution of 1972 Sri Lanka became an independent and sovereign state accountable for the people. Therefore, as per the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers no 08/0562/325/004 dated 10.04.2008, all the public institutions should initiate actions to celebrate the “Republic Day” on 22<sup>nd</sup> of May every year and you are kindly informed to prepare and carry out a programme to celebrate the Republic day in your office/institution on 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, this year paying your attention to the following facts in accordance with the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers no 15/0581/607/017 dated 14.05.2015.

01. Commencing the event by hoisting the National Flag at 8.30 a.m.

02. Delivering a speech for about 15 minutes during on the importance of celebrating the Republic Day by the Head of the Institution or a representative of him/her paying attention on the following:

- Preparation of the draft of the Republican Constitution of 1972 by National State Assembly
- Appreciation of the contribution of the leaders who pioneered in this task
- Sri Lankans becoming an independent Sovereign State. Completely freed from the British rule with the Republican Constitution of 1972
- Sri Lanka becoming a Republic accountable for the people
- Authority for administrative and economic changes suitable for the country

  
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Secretary

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