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**National Programme on Polythene, Plastic and Electronic Waste Prevention – 2016**

Reference the letter of the Presidential Secretariat No PS/DSP/ENV-U/WST-MGNT dated 19.10.2016.

02. During the past years, use of polythene, plastic and electronic items in Sri Lanka has been rapidly increasing and due to improper disposal of polythene, plastic and electronic waste the public faces various health, environmental and economic issues. As a solution to this problem, Central Environmental Authority has planned to implement a National Programme on Polythene, Plastic and Electronic Waste Prevention from 24.10.2016 to 30.10.2016 for collection and proper disposal of polythene, plastic and electronic waste.

03. Accordingly, it is informed to take following actions in all public institutions concurrent to this national programme held island wide, with regard to waste management.

- Implementing programmes on management of polythene, plastic and electronic waste in and out public institutions
- Taking actions to separate and dispose the waste at the point of generating the waste
- Installing dust bins with standard colour codes to dispose waste
- Minimizing the use of Polythene in institutions and providing instructions to the canteens to stop using polythene lunch sheets and food wrappers in order to popularize the use of eco friendly packages
- Taking actions to implement the above steps continuously in the institution under proper supervision

04. You are kindly informed to take actions to implement more programmes in the future in order to maintain public institutions free of environmental and health issues.

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1. Secretary to the President – For information as per your letter No PS/DSP/ENV-U/WST-MGNT dated 19.10.2016