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Secretaries to Ministries
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Commencement of Work, Year – 2020

A programme of action consisting of 10 key policies aimed at achieving a fourfold outcome: a productive citizenry, a happy family, a disciplined society and a prosperous nation has been presented in relation to the policy statement “Vistas of prosperity and splendor” by H.E. the President. Accordingly, it is hereby emphasized to make a change in attitudes of all public servants to ensure a committed service delivery for the betterment of present and future generations while keeping in mind that the achievement of macro-economic targets as the sole objective considering year 2020 as the base year. Therefore, instructions are hereby issued to implement a special programme with the participation of every public servant on Wednesday, 01st January 2020, the first working day of the year.

02. The main official ceremony will be held at 9.30 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 to create a productive citizenry, a happy family and a disciplined society.

03. You are kindly requested to take the initiative to make this programme a success.

Sgd/ S. Hettiarachchi
Secretary
Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs,
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Oath/ Affirmation of the Public Service

Today, the first working day of year 2020,

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, as an employee paid by the public and partner of corruption free state apparatus,

which directs effective human resource enriched with the modern technology

do hereby swear/ affirm to create a well-disciplined, well respected and law abiding society with vistas of prosperity and splendor,

to create people centered economy through development of physical resources

focusing on sustainable environment management and further

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 our well protected motherland,

which flourishes as one country,

one nation under one flag

with unity and harmony.