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Heads of State Corporations/Statutory Boards

**Let Us Be Committed to Work Together for a Social and Economic Development
while Consolidating National Unity for the Future Generation**

Your kind attention is drawn to the Public Administration Circular No 19/2012 on 19.12.2012 on “Let us fulfill the Expectations of the General Public, Ensuring the delivery of an Excellent Public Service Delivery”.

02. A special programme has been planned for Wednesday, the 1st January, being the first working day of year 2014, with the participation of all government servants, emphasizing the necessity of inculcating an attitudinal change in all public servants for committing to work together for a social and economic development while consolidating national unity for the future generation.

03. The main official ceremony will be held at 9.00 am on 01.01.2014 at the Presidential Secretariat under the auspices of the Secretary to H.E. the President. Action should be taken to hold the 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 necessity of ensuring the prompt, honest and unwavering contribution of all members of the staff, to work together for a social and economic development while consolidating national unity for the future generation as the concluding event of the programme.
04. You are kindly requested to initiate action to make this programme a success.

Sgd/P.B. Abeykoon
Secretary
Ministry of Public Administration and Home Affairs

Copies- Hon. Governors of all Provinces.

Oath / Affirmation of the Public Service

Today, the first of January of year 2014,

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, an employee paid by the public do hereby swear/ affirm 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,

honestly,

and with loyalty to the public,

with a view to meet the challenge of developing the motherland which flourishes as one country, one nation, under one flag with unity and harmony and to establish social and economic development ensuring the unity for the future generations, within this New Year commencing today.