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Secretaries of Ministries
Provincial Chief Secretaries
Heads of Departments
Heads of State Corporations and Statutory Boards

Declaration of “National Drug Prevention Week”
(from 26.06.2018 to 02.07.2018)

Reference the Circular issued by the Secretary to the President No PS/DSP/DPU/07/18 dated 12.06.2018 on the above matter.

02. National Drug Prevention programmes, held island wide with the objective of making Sri Lanka a nation free of intoxicants, encourages the economic, social and cultural development and directly contribute to achieving the task of freeing Sri Lanka from the narcotic menace.

03. Island wide programmes are to be organized during the drug prevention week with the above objectives and with the aim of freeing Sri Lanka from narcotic menace under the national programme of “**A Nation Free from Intoxicants**”. Accordingly, National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, the Presidential Task Force on Drug Prevention and other affiliated institutions have declared “**National Drug Prevention Week**” from 26.06.2018 to 02.07.2018 concurrent to the **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**.

04. Accordingly, all public institutions should focus on conducting drug prevention programmes mentioned below during National Drug Prevention Week and you are kindly informed to continue conducting these programmes and activities in your institution as well as in all other affiliated institutions.

- I. Drug Prevention Committees should be established and keep them active in every public institution to act against the use of drugs and action should be taken to make aware the public officers on the damage caused by the use of drugs to the dignity of the profession, efficiency and productivity.
- II. Boards containing advices made through pictures against smoking and alcohol should be displayed in every public institution and it is strictly prohibited to display boards, paintings or drawings containing pictures which promote use of drugs even at a minimum level. Actions should be taken to prevent such situations.

- III. The message of drug prevention should be transmitted to the children and to the public through productive and practical activities showcasing the adverse results of the use of drug.
- IV. Boards, posters and banners should be displayed to make aware the public that your institution is free from the use of drugs.
- V. Further, special attention should be paid to implement the provisions mentioned in Section 2, Chapter XLVIII, Volume II of the Establishments Code.

05. Accordingly, you are kindly informed to send the particulars of the programmes conducted during the National Drug Prevention Week to the President's Secretariat with a copy to me.

06. I would like to notify you that it is your responsibility to implement the above mentioned programmes in your Ministry/ Department/ Institution to make the national programme of "**A Nation Free of Intoxicants**", which is functioning under the direct supervision of H.E. the President, a success.

Sgd/ Padmasiri Jayamanne
Secretary
Ministry of Public Administration, Management and
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- 01. Secretary to the President (President's Office) - For your information as per your letter no PS/DSP/DPU/01/02/02 dated 18.06.2018