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Implementation of the programme to develop 10,000 Blue Green Beautiful Lanka Villages

The 21st session of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate change was held in Paris, France from 30th November to 11th December, 2015 and the Paris Agreement was declared by the nations of the world. Accordingly, the Member countries of the United Nations have agreed to declare an Intended Nationally Determined Contribution, strategies followed by these countries to control global warming on the aforesaid agreement, and act in line with that.

02. Through the summits and workshops of experts in the sector held before and after the Paris Summit, necessary arrangements are being made to determine the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution to Control global warming. A programme to make the people aware of climatic changes and future development strategies called Sri Lanka NEXT - A Blue Green Era was presented through that effort as a guide for the direction of future development of Sri Lanka and to initiate a dialogue on that.

03. In accordance with that programme, with the aim of creating people sensitive to climate change and environment friendly Green Smart villages, to implement the 'Blue Green Beautiful Lanka villages in 10,000 villages of Sri Lanka within the period from 2016-2020 in collaboration with community organizations such as the SANASA movement of Sri Lanka, and the Sarvodaya movement and the organizational network of Divi Neguma Department, approval has been received as per the Cabinet decision bearing No. CM/16/0377/704/011 dated 24th March, 2016.

04. The proposed activities for the 'Blue Green Beautiful Lanka' village programme are given below.
- (i) Conducting a basic community participatory village evaluation to cover the environment / social/ economic / cultural aspects.
 - (ii) Identifying and prioritizing economic and social needs with the participation of the community.
 - (iii) Preparation of a sustainable village development plan with community participation
 - (iv) Implementation of sub activities mentioned in No. 5 below to prevent or minimize the adverse environmental effects as a result of the implementation of the said development plan or due to the economic and social activities carried out at present.

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 "இப் பூமியும், மரத் செடி கொடிகளும் மனிதனுக்குப் போன்றே வானில் பறந்து திரியும் பறவைகளுக்கும், பூமியில் வாழும் உயிர்விலங்குகளுக்கும், அனைத்து விலங்குகளுக்கும் ஒரேயிதழைச் சொந்தமானது"
 "This great earth and the flora on it equally belong to the man and the birds flying in the sky, the quadrupeds and all creatures living on earth"

05. Accordingly, the programmes intended to be implemented in the villages relevant under the programme 'Blue Green Beautiful Lanka Villages' are given below.
- (i) To achieve sustainable economic development:
 - Promoting organic agriculture free of poisons
 - Implementation of environment friendly investment project
 - Promoting environment friendly tourist industry
 - Promoting forest cultivation
 - Expanding the cultivation of local herbs as a commercial enterprise.
 - Promoting green productivity concepts.
 - (ii) To ensure environmental sustainability:
 - Implementation of environmental education and training programmes.
 - Building an environment sensitive school community by implementing environmental pilot programmes.
 - Implementation of programmes to minimize damages to the environment
 - Implementation of programmes to conserve bio-diversity
 - Conservation of water catchment areas
 - Management of water resources for drinking and agricultural requirements
 - Implementation of programmes to ensure sustainable use of mineral resources.
 - Promoting the use of environment friendly energy
 - Implementation of the programme to select "The Blue Green Beautiful village" annually.
 - (iii) To ensure social development and equality:
 - Building community based organizations that function for environment conservation
 - Implementation of programmes that deliver happiness, unity and harmony for a satisfied life style
 - Implementation of programmes to protect the religious and cultural elements
 - Beautification of the public places in villages with environment friendly landscaping
 - (iv) For individual / personality / spiritual / mental development:
 - Generation of green jobs
 - Creation of just villagers free of alcohol and drugs
06. Owing to the unique nature of the field of environment, 'Sri Lanka NeXT - A Blue Green Era' and 'Blue Green Beautiful Lanka villages' programme under the 'Revival' National environment conservation programme need to be implemented in a more practical manner with a combined approach allowing participation all parties.

Therefore, active contribution of Ministries, Provincial Councils and Local Government Institutions is essential to make this programme a success.

07. 'Blue Green Beautiful Lanka Villages' programme is due to be inaugurated under the leadership of His Excellency Mathripala Sirisena, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, at Sanasa Campus, Paragammana, Kegalle on 01st July, 2016. Therefore, to implement this programme in all districts simultaneously in the coming five years, fullest co-operation and active contribution of the District Secretaries, Divisional Secretaries and all the field officers including the Grama Niladharis are essential and the contribution of People's organizations such as Sanasa movement and Sarvodaya movement and people's movements like Divi Neguma programme also should be obtained.
08. At the same time, patronage and blessings of peoples' representatives including the Hon.Members of Parliament and the Provincial councils and the Local Government Institutions have to be obtained for this programme. Therefore, to implement this 'Blue Green Beautiful Lanka Villages' programme with the involvement and contribution of all rural level public officers as well, I kindly request the support of Grama Niladharis and all other field officers under the guidance of all the Divisional Secretaries in the implementation of this programme.
09. I kindly request you to make arrangements to implement a programme to clean the villages by hoiding Shramadana campaigns with the participation of the people in all the Grama Niladhari Divisions on 01.07.2016, the date on which this national programme is inaugurated. Thereafter, future action for the implementation of this programme will be taken by the change makers appointed by the relevant people's organizations and contribution of all the public officers at village level is expected for this purpose. Fullest contribution, guidance, and supervision on the part of the District Secretaries and the Divisional Secretaries are expected.

This circular has been issued with the concurrence of the Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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