

30 th May	Environment Cleaning Day and Environment Awareness Day
31 st May	Waste Management Day
01 st June	Tree Planting Day
02 nd June	Water and Water Sources Conservation Day
03 rd June	Biodiversity Conservation Day
04 th June	Sustainable Land Management Day
05 th June	World Environment Day

04. Accordingly, all Heads of Institutions should raise awareness among their staff and Principals should raise awareness among teachers and students in their schools of the importance of the World Environment Day, “*shramadana*” to clean office and school premises, maintain proper waste disposal systems by segregating them (as Plastic/ Polythene/ Paper/ Glass/ Metal/ Organic materials etc.) and conduct environment conservation programs.

05. Also, environment conservation programs such as cleaning environment and implementation and continuation of programs for segregation and management of waste should be conducted in each local authority area under supervision of local authorities islandwide.

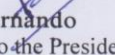
06. Further, environment conservation programs should also be conducted during the National Environment Week under the patronage of State Institutions, Schools, Private Sector, Plantation Companies and Plantation Sector, Non-Governmental Organizations and Civil Organizations with participation of communities, with emphasis on the following:

- i. Raising public awareness on the importance of initiating of a beautiful, clean country from each and every home and the significance of environment conservation.
- ii. Promoting toxic free organic farming and sustainable home gardening.
- iii. Implementing programs to identify and promote area-specific green jobs.
- iv. Minimizing the use of Polythene and Plastic and promoting eco-friendly packages.
- v. Implementing proper waste management systems.
- vi. Taking actions to increase forest cover and create plant nurseries to supply adequate planting materials at rural and institutional level.
- vii. Identifying and implementing conservation programs to protect environmental sensitive areas such as watersheds, forest and wildlife protected areas, river banks and wetlands.
- viii. Rehabilitation of degraded lands and implementing programs for soil conservation and sustainable land management.
- ix. Conservation of bio-diversity.
- x. Implementing Green Coast Concept by enhancing forest cover along the coastal belt and cleaning coastal areas.
- xi. Sustainable management of coastal ecosystems and conservation of mangroves.

07. You are further informed that every institution should prepare an appropriate plan to implement suitable environment conservation programs during the National Environment Week and to implement those with the participation of political authorities.

08. You are kindly requested to report the progress of programs implemented during the National Environment Week to the "National Environment Conservation Program" of the Presidential Secretariat, with a copy to Secretary to the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment. Further, you are informed to include such programs to the annual plans of your Institution, District or Province with a view to implementing the National Environment Week during coming years.

09. Your co-operation to create an environmental sensitive community is very much appreciated.


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Secretary to the President

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01. Secretary to the Prime Minister
02. Secretary to the Cabinet of Ministers

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