

Home Affairs Circular: 18/2019

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Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and
Provincial Councils & Local Government,

Independence Square,

Colombo 07

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All Secretaries of Ministries,

All Chief Secretaries of Provincial Councils,

All Heads of Departments,

Heads of Corporations and Statutory Boards,

District Secretaries/ Government Agents,

Divisional Secretaries,

Celebration of State Poson Festival – 2019

It has been declared by the Government that Sunday the 16th of June 2019 of Buddhist Era 2563 as *Poson Poya* day and the period from 12th June 2019 to 18th June 2019 has been declared as the *Poson* Week by the Government.

02. Further, the Government has selected “*Sabbe Thasanthi Dandassa* (All tremble at punishment) as the theme for *Poson*.

03. Therefore, arrangements should be made to organize all night *pirith* chanting ceremonies on 13.06.2019 and alms giving at noon (*Sangika Danaya*) for at least 12 *bhikkhus* on 14.06.2019 at all District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats. The allocations required for this purpose shall be made by the Ministry of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government.

04. Further, it has been decided to hoist the Buddhist Flag and display *Poson* decorations at all Government buildings from 12th June 2019 to 18th June 2019.

05. Further, it has been decided to close the liquor shops and meat stalls all over the Island.

06. All the Grama Niladharies and Field Officers of your division should be made aware and instructions should be given in order to obtain their service at rural level for the successful implementation of this programme.

07. Instructions should be given to celebrate the state *Poson* festival at divisional, district and provincial level so as to gain the collaboration of people of other religious faiths and enhance religious harmony.

08. Accordingly, you are kindly requested to take action as per the above instructions and inform all the officers and institutions under your purview in this regard and obtain their contribution.

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Secretary

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