Ceremonial Opening of the 2nd Session of the 8th Parliament

Date : 02-05-2018

The Ceremonial Opening of the Second Session of the Eighth Parliament by H.E. the President Maithripala Sirisena will be held at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday the 08th of May 2018. Following is the programme for the day;

Programme

1.00 p.m.	-	Invitees arrive and take their seats
1.20 p.m.	-	Members of Parliament arrive and proceed to the Lobbies
1.30 p.m.	-	Arrival of the Hon. Speaker and the Spouse
1.35 p.m.	-	Arrival of the Hon. Prime Minister and the Spouse
1.40 p.m.	-	Arrival of the His Excellency the President and the First Lady
	-	Received by the Hon. Speaker and the Secretary- General of Parliament at the Main Steps of the Parliament Building
		Breaking of the Presidential Standard **Guard of Honour** **National Anthem** **21 Gun Salute**
	-	His Excellency the President, accompained by the Hon. Speaker and the Secretary - General of Parliament and escorted by the Serjeant- at - Arms, the Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Serjeant - at - Arms, proceeds to the Parliament building
	-	Recital of Jayamangala Gatha
	-	His Excellency the President, accompanied by the Hon. Speaker and the Secretary - General of Parliament, proceeds to the Robing Room of the Parliament Building
2.10 p.m.	-	Quorum Bells Ring. All Members of Parliament will take their seats in the Chamber of the Parliament
	-	His Excellency the President, the Hon. Speaker, the Secretary - General of Parliament, the Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary - General and the Assistant Secretaries - General escorted by the Serjeant - at - Arms and the Deputy Serjeant - at - Arms proceed to the Parliament Chamber
		Procession enters the Chamber of Parliament
2.15 p.m.	-	His Excellency the President Presides
		His Excellency the President Addresses the Parliament
		His Excellency the President after his Address adjourns the Sitting
	-	His Excellency the President, the Hon. Speaker, the Secretary - General of Parliament, the Chief of Staff and Deputy Secretary - General, the Assistant Secretaries - General and the Deputy Serjeant - at - Arms leave the Chamber escorted by the Serjeant - at- Arms, to the Robing Room
	-	His Excellency the President, accompanied by the Hon. Speaker and the Secretary - General of Parliament and escorted by the Serjeant - at- Arms, the Deputy Serjeant- at - Arms and the Assistant Serjeant - at- Arms, proceed to the Main Steps of the Parliament Building
		Guard of Honour National Anthem His Excellency the President and the First Lady leave the Parliament