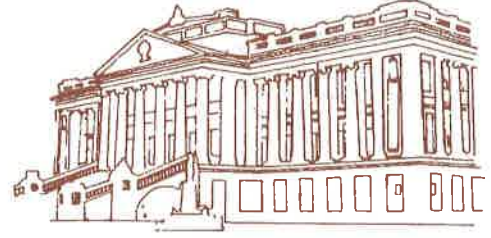




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Foreign Tours

His Excellency the President has pointed out, hence the preparation of the Budget-2022 is in progress and the Ministry of Finance is working on the technical level assessments along with the relevant Ministries, State Ministries, Public Institutions, Private Sector, Diplomatic Services and International Development Funding Institutions and identifying the special proposals for the budget and the Ministers, State Ministers, Secretaries to the Ministries, Heads of Departments and relevant officers should pay their direct contribution to the Ministry of Finance.

Further, as per the budget preparation time table which was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers, it has been planned to deliver the budget speech to the Parliament on 12th November 2021 by Hon. Minister of Finance and after the second reading debate and the budget vote will be held on 10th December 2021. Therefore, all Ministers are instructed not to plan any official or personal foreign tours during this period and pay their fullest corporation to the budget preparing and budget debates.

Further, for special occasions, relevant representations can be provided to the Foreign Embassies by the Foreign Ministry.

Therefore, you be informed to make Hon. Ministers and relevant officers concerned of refraining from participating foreign tours other than the essential matters during this period.

Sgd. **P.B. Jayasundera**
Secretary to the President