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Press Release

**Two days from the Central Environmental Authority for collection of domestic electrical and electronic waste in the Western Province**

Steps have been taken by the Central Environmental Authority to implement a programme for the collection of electrical and electronic waste in the Western Province by allocating two days for the task. This programme is launched under the theme “Let us save Mother Earth by protecting river waters through electronic waste management”. While programmes of similar nature for the disposal of electrical and electronic waste with proper management are implemented by the Central Environmental Authority from time to time, this particular programme is implemented as a further step of such programmes.

Accordingly, necessary arrangements have been made to collect domestic electrical and electronic waste items in the Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara Districts at 40 centers on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2022. Public will get an opportunity to hand over electrical and electronic waste items they have at their homes at those centers from 9.00 a.m to 4.30 p.m..

Following are the 17 centers which will be open in the Colombo District:

CEA Head Office at Battaramulla; Hyde Park Grounds; collecting center at Clean Tec Pvt Limited - Park Street; Clean Tec Pvt Ltd collecting center - Maligakanda; Mutuwalla Grounds; Kaduwela - Kotelawala Maha Vidyalaya Playground; Oruwala Junior School; Kotte Municipal Council; Sri Pani Community Hall, Kalalgoda - Talawathugoda; Kotelawala Grounds - Homagama-Habarakada; Mattegoda Central Bus Stand; Playground, opposite Ratmalana-Kotelawalapura Maha Vidyalaya; Moratuwa Collecting Center; premises behind the pavilion of Dehiwala -S de S Jayasinghe Playground; Madapatha Waste Management Center; Playgrounds opposite Kolonnawa and Avissawella Urban Councils.

Following are the 13 domestic electrical and electronic waste collecting centers in the Gampaha District:

Mirigama Public Grounds; Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha; Minuwangoda-Udugampola Pathahawatte Playground; Mahara Pradeshiya Sabha; Gampaha-Mudungoda Playground; Divulapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha; Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabha; Dompe Pradeshiya Sabha; Negombo Municipal Council; Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha; Ja-ela Pradeshiya Sabha; Katana Pradeshiya Sabha and Nittambuwa Public Playground.

In the Kalutara District domestic electrical and electronic waste items will be collected at the following 10 centers:

Horana Pradeshiya Sabha Sub Office, Ingiriya; Horana Urban Council; Matugama Pradeshiya Sabha; Beruwala Urban Council; Panadura Urban Council; Mihisuru Organic Fertilizer Center,

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Nagoda; Resource Center at Bandaragama Pradeshiya Sabha (Pamunugama); Dodangoda Pradeshiya Sabha; Wadduwa Pradeshiya Sabha and Beruwala Pradeshiya Sabha.

Further information on electrical and electronic waste collecting centers can be had by dialing the Central Environmental Authority hotline 1981.

Electrical and electronic waste items other than electrical and electronic equipment dismantled or with inner parts being removed and those smeared with soil, sand and mud will be accepted at the aforesaid centers. Similarly, electrical and electronic waste items brought in bulk quantities by factories and shops will not be accepted in this programme and only domestic electrical and electronic waste items will be accepted. Detailed List of electrical and electronic waste items which will be and will not be accepted is attached hereto.

The disposal of electrical and electronic waste items so collected will be effected through institutes which have been granted licenses for the Scheduled Waste Management by the Central Environmental Authority for the collection, transport and proper disposal of electrical and electronic waste items. Such electrical and electronic waste items will be dismantled securely and parts such as plastic, iron etc. which can be recycled in Sri Lanka will be sent for recycling facilities within the country and the remaining parts will be exported to countries with recycling and extracting facilities. Such exports will be undertaken in keeping with international Conventions (The Basel Convention).

This time eleven (11) institutes holding hazardous waste management licenses issued by the Central Environmental Authority for the collection and management of electrical and electronic waste items have joined hands with this domestic electrical and electronic waste item collecting programme. Arrangement have been made for the signing of an MOU relating to this programme between the Central Environmental Authority and those eleven institutes and the media briefing on January 25, simultaneously. The MOU will be signed ensuring that the electrical and electronic waste items so collected will be disposed as per the approvals of the Central Environmental Authority using accepted methods causing no harm to the environment.

This programme for the collection of domestic electrical and electronic waste has been organized with the objective of minimizing damages caused to people, animals, plants as well as the environment by not disposing such waste in a proper manner. People tend to use electrical and electronic items owing to its ease of use and facilitation of their activities. Consequently, the use of electrical and electronic equipment has increased rapidly resulting in increased trend in the use of electrical and electronic equipment on a day-to-day basis. Besides, compared with the past, today the life span of such electrical and electronic items too has been coming down resulting in the quantity of electrical and electronic items manufactured. The inevitable result of this trend is the considerable increase in the volume of electrical and electronic waste being added to the environment. All electrical and electronic spare parts contain considerable amount of heavy metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium, antimony, beryllium, arsenic etc. and many other toxic chemicals. Hence, the improper disposal of such matter causes harm to human health, animal existence and the environment. Particularly, researches have made it clear that heavy metal and other hazardous chemical substances contained in those electrical and electronic items are added to river waters through various means. As a result, it gives rise to serious health and environmental issues. Aimed at reminding such eventualities, this time steps were taken by the Central Environmental Authority to take action to implement the



programme for the proper disposal of electrical and electronic waste on the theme “Let us protect Mother Earth and river waters through electronic waste management”.

Arrangements have been made to conduct the press briefing aimed at creating awareness on the electrical and electronic waste collection in the western province from 9.30 a.m. on January 25, 2022 in the Auditorium of the Central Environmental Authority headed by the Hon Minister of Environment, Mahinda Amaraweera with participation of the Secretary to the Ministry of environment, Specialist Dr Anil Jasinge; Chairman of the Central Environmental Authority, Mr S. Amarasinghe; Director General of the Central Environmental Authority, Mr P. B. Hemantha Jayasinghe and the officials of the Central Environmental Authority.

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## **Domestic Electrical and Electronic Waste collection Programme in the Western Province January 28 and 29, 2022**

### **List of electrical and electronic waste items collected and not collected**

#### **Electrical and electronic waste items collected:**

01. TV Sets
02. Cassette Players/radios
03. Electric Fans
04. Computers/Laptops
05. Monitors (LED, LCD, CRT)
06. Mobile Phones and accessories
07. Fixed Telephones
08. Fax Machines
09. Grinding Machines (Blenders and Grinders)
10. Electric and Electronic Toys
11. Electric and Electronic Sports Goods/Exercising Machines
12. Toners/Cartridges
13. Rice Cookers
14. Printers
15. Batteries (vehicle/motor bike/mobile phone/watch)
16. CD Disks
17. CD/DVD Players
18. Electric Kettles/Heaters
19. Electric Ovens
20. Unbroken CFL Bulbs
21. LED Bulbs
22. Florescent Bulbs (Tube Bulbs)
23. Washing Machines
24. Refrigerators
25. Air Conditioners
26. Other Electronic Equipment

#### **Electrical and electronic items not collected:**

1. Equipment which are dismantled or with inner parts removed
2. Equipment soiled with earth, sand and mud
3. Electrical and electronic waste items brought in large quantities by factories, shops etc.