



Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 04.05.2026

01. Implementation of the Digital Transformation Project of the University of Kelaniya

Although steps have already been taken for the development of the basic infrastructure related to information technology and basic information systems at the University of Kelaniya, it has been recognized that such measures are not sufficient to meet the current requirements of the higher education sector in a world that is rapidly transforming into a digital-centric and dynamic environment. Therefore, plans have been made to implement a project to digitalize all major learning and management processes of the University of Kelaniya within a period of 02 years, and to develop the infrastructure required for that purpose, considering that the University currently consists of 16,368 undergraduate students, 1,114 postgraduate students, 56,619 registered external degree students, as well as approximately 1,700 academic and non-academic staff members. Under the said project, it is expected to achieve benefits such as improving service delivery through the modernization of the University's systems and operations, attracting a wider range of students, and ensuring financial sustainability. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by Hon. the Prime Minister, in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, to implement the Digital Transformation Project of the University of Kelaniya, which has been identified under the State Investment Programme, during the years 2026–2027 at an estimated cost of Rs. 476 million.

02. Sri Lanka National Export Development Plan – 2026–2030

The 2025 Budget proposed the formulation of a National Export Development Plan as a national priority in order to enhance export competitiveness and achieve sustainable economic growth driven by exports. Accordingly, the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, in collaboration with public and private sector stakeholders connected to the export sector, has formulated the National Export Development Plan 2026–2030 by obtaining technical assistance under the Policy-Based Lending Programme of the Asian Development Bank. The aforementioned Plan provides a comprehensive strategic framework to guide and monitor Sri Lanka's export development process, with the target of earning US\$ 36 billion in foreign exchange through the export of goods and services by the year 2030. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Industries and Entrepreneurship Development to recognize the "Sri Lanka National Export Development Plan – 2026–2030" as the official strategic framework for export development and promotion of export in Sri Lanka.

03. Allocation of Land Plots from the Regional Industrial Estates to Investors for the Establishment of Industries.

The Regional Industrial Estate Development Programme is a key programme implemented with the objective of promoting industries at the regional level. For that purpose, the selection of investors is carried out, following a comprehensive evaluation of the relevant project proposals, by the “Regional Industrial Services Committee” established in terms of the provisions of the Industrial Promotion Act No. 46 of 1990 and the “Ministry Project Evaluation Committee” appointed by the Secretary to the Ministry of Industries and Entrepreneurship Development. Accordingly, upon examining 16 project proposals received, the said committees have recommended the allocation of land plots from 09 regional industrial estates for the implementation of those projects. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolutions furnished by the Minister of Industries and Entrepreneurship Development to allocate the proposed land plots to the relevant investors on a long-term lease basis for a period of 35 years, in line with the aforementioned recommendations.

04. Acceptance of the Global Charter for Children’s Care Reform

Sri Lanka has long been a State Party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Children and remains committed to fulfilling international obligations relating to the protection and promotion of children’s rights. Based on the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Children, the “Global Charter for Children’s Care Reform” has been formulated as a multilateral initiative. Through the said Charter, governments are called upon to take measures to support families and prevent the unnecessary separation of children from their families, to prioritize safe and nurturing family-based alternative care when separation occurs, and to gradually reduce the provision of institutional care for children. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Women and Child Affairs to accept the Global Charter for Children’s Care Reform for Sri Lanka.

05. Procurement of 20,000 Metric Tons of Urea (Prilled) Required for Paddy and Other Crops in the Year 2026’

State Fertilizer Company Limited has planned to procure 20,000 metric tons of Urea as direct fertilizer as well as for the production of mixed fertilizer for use for the cultivation of vegetables and other crops in order to prepare urea fertilizer stock reserves required for the 2026/2027 Maha season. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation to implement the procurement process for the purchase of 20,000 metric tons of Urea (Prilled) by following the International Competitive Procurement Procedure.

06. Acquisition of Required Lands from Maradana to Avissawella for Future Development Activities of the Kelani Valley Railway Line.

Policy approval of the Cabinet of Ministers had previously been granted to develop the Kelani Valley railway line from Maradana to Avissawella, and to carry out the acquisition of lands and resettlement activities required for that purpose. Further, prior approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has also been granted to allocate the necessary provisions for the resettlement of families living within the railway access right of way along the said railway line. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to acquire required lands from Maradana to Avissawella in the Colombo, Thimbirigasyaya, Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte, Maharagama, Homagama, Padukka, and Seethawaka Divisional Secretariat Divisions through the respective Divisional Secretaries in respect of development of Kelani Valley Railway Line.

07. Awarding of the Contract for the Improvement of a Section of the Colombo - Galle - Hambantota - Wellawaya Road (A002) between Kamburugamuwa and Devinuwara.

Under the Widening and Improvement Programme for National Highways, bids have been called under the National Competitive Procurement Procedure for the rehabilitation and improvement of a 13.3-kilometre road section (from kilometre 154+000 to kilometre 167+300) between Kamburugamuwa and Devinuwara on the Colombo - Galle - Hambantota - Wellawaya Road (A002). A total of 04 bids were received for this purpose and, based on the recommendation submitted by the High-Level Procurement Committee following the evaluation of those bids, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development to award the aforementioned contract to M/s RR Construction (Pvt) Ltd, being the substantially responsive lowest bidder, at a sum of Rs. 1,207.74 million (excluding Value Added Tax).

08. Awarding of the Contract for the Improvement of a Section of the Colombo - Galle - Hambantota - Wellawaya Road (A002) between Talalla and Kudawella

Under the Widening and Improvement Programme for National Highways, bids have been called under the National Competitive Procurement Procedure for the rehabilitation and improvement of an approximately 12.33-kilometre road section (from kilometre 172+705 to kilometre 185+040) between Talalla and Kudawella on the Colombo - Galle - Hambantota - Wellawaya Road (A002). A total of 07 bids were received for this purpose and, based on the recommendation submitted by the Standing High-Level Procurement Committee following the evaluation of those bids, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development to award the said contract to Rathna - Suhada Joint Venture Civil Engineers & Contractors (Pvt) Ltd, being the substantially responsive lowest bidder, at a sum of Rs. 818.23 million (excluding Value Added Tax).

09. Awarding of the Contract for Ground Handling Services of Sri Lankan Airlines Limited at Sydney Airport, Australia.

The contract for the provision of ground handling services to Sri Lankan Airlines at Sydney Airport, Australia has concluded on 30-04-2026. Therefore, bids have been called under the Limited International Competitive Procurement procedure in order to select a contractor to provide the said service. A total of 03 bids have been received for this purpose. Following the evaluation of those bids, based on the recommendation submitted by the Standing High-Level Procurement Committee, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Ports and Civil Aviation to award the aforementioned contract, for a period of 03 years commencing from 2026-05-01, to the substantially responsive lowest bidder, Menzies Aviation (Australia) Pty Ltd, at a sum of AUD 8.32 million.

10. Award of the Consultancy Services Contract for the Power System Strengthening and Renewable Energy Integration Project.

Approval had been granted at the Cabinet meeting held on 2025-03-17 to proceed with the procurement process for selecting a consultancy services institution for the Power System Strengthening and Renewable Energy Integration Project, which is being implemented under the funding of the Asian Development Bank. Accordingly, Expressions of Interest were called for, and 11 companies submitted their Expressions of Interest proposals. In line with the guidelines of the Asian Development Bank, a Request for Proposals was issued to the shortlisted institutions from among those companies. Four (04) companies submitted their proposals for this purpose. Following the evaluation of the received proposals, based on the recommendations submitted by the Consultancy Procurement Committee appointed by the Cabinet of Ministers, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution submitted by the Minister of Energy to award the aforementioned consultancy services contract to Mercados Aries International S.A. of Spain, at a sum of USD 1.49 million + LKR 43.20 million (excluding Value Added Tax).

11. Obtaining Transaction Advisory Services from the Asian Development Bank for the Development of the 150 MW Kondachchi Wind Power Project.

As part of the Government's strategic vision to expand renewable energy capacity and promote private sector participation, the Kondachchi Wind Power Project has been identified as a priority project to be developed under an innovative project implementation model. The proposed project, comprising a 150 MW wind power plant integrated with a state-of-the-art battery energy storage system, will also enable operation as a Virtual Firm Energy Plant. Under the consent of the Asian Development Bank to provide transaction advisory services to support the development of renewable energy projects through competitive bidding, the suitability of utilizing the Bank's expertise for structuring the Kondachchi Wind Power Project has been identified. Under the aforementioned transaction advisory service, the Asian Development Bank will serve as the transaction consultant throughout the project development cycle, starting from the preparation of bidding documents up to the calling of tenders and the awarding

process. Further, the estimated cost of USD 1.2 million for such transaction advisory services is proposed to be provided as a grant financed under the technical assistance framework of the Asian Development Bank. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Energy to obtain transaction advisory services from the Asian Development Bank for the Kondachchi Wind Power Project by the National System Operator, which is a successor company of the Ceylon Electricity Board.

12. Purchase of Vehicles Required for Range Offices and Beat Offices Established Island wide under the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Approval had been granted at the Cabinet meeting held on 2025-08-18 to purchase vehicles required for the range offices and beat offices established island wide under the Department of Wildlife Conservation for use in wild elephant management duties and other field operational requirements. Accordingly, bids were called under the National Competitive Procurement Procedure for the purchase of 16 double cab vehicles, 84 single cab vehicles, and 09 four-wheel tractors.

Following the evaluation of the bids received for this purpose, based on the recommendations submitted by the Standing High-Level Procurement Committee, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Environment to procure the said vehicles from the substantially responsive lowest bidders as follows:

No	Type of the Vehicle	Number of bids Received	Recommended Bidder	Total Value (Excluding VAT)
01.	Double cab Vehicles - 16	04	United Motors Lanka PLC	Rs 300 million
02.	Single Cab Vehicles - 84	02	Toyota Lanka (Pvt) Ltd	Rs 1,134 million
03.	Four-wheel tractors - 09	04	Diesel & Motors Engineering PLC	Rs 24.75 million;

13. Implementation of the Climate-Resilient Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Project

The Climate-Resilient Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Project is proposed to be implemented under the funding of the Asian Development Bank. Through this project, it is expected to achieve the objectives of improving access to reliable and sustainable water supply and sanitation services, enhancing the climate resilience of infrastructure related to the water sector, and reducing non-revenue water in several areas belonging to the Western Province, Sri Lanka. The total estimated cost of the project is USD 250 million, of which USD 200 million is expected to be financed through the ordinary

capital resources of the Asian Development Bank. It has been planned to implement the following sub-projects under the said project:

- Improvement Project of the Ambatale Water Treatment System
- Improvement Project of the Jubilee Water Supply System
- Kolonnawa Non-Revenue Water Management Project
- Lunugamvehera Integrated Water Supply Scheme with a capacity of 20,000 cubic metres
- Jaffna Wastewater Project

Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply to implement the aforementioned project under the funding of the Asian Development Bank and to expeditiously commence procurement activities relating to the five sub-projects.

14. Implementation of Phase II of the Ruwanwella Water Supply Project.

The Ruwanwella Water Supply Project has been planned to meet the water requirements of approximately 36,000 people residing in the Divisional Secretary's Divisions of Ruwanwella, Bulathkohupitiya, and Yatiyantota. The project is being implemented in two phases, and the contract for Phase I has already been awarded. Under Phase II of the project, the contract packages include the construction of three (03) ground-level reservoirs, the construction of two (02) booster pumping stations, and the laying of transmission pipelines and distribution pipelines, including related electro-mechanical installations. Bids have been called under the National Competitive Procurement Procedure to select a contractor for this purpose, and 07 bids were received. Following the evaluation of the bids, based on the recommendations submitted by the Standing High-Level Procurement Committee and the Procurement Appeals Board, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Housing, Construction and Water Supply to award the said contract to the substantially responsive lowest bidder, M/s DIMO-CRCC-25 Joint Venture, at a sum of Rs. 869.08 million (excluding taxes).

15. Amendment to the Consumer Affairs Authority Act, No. 9 of 2003.

Approval has been granted by the Cabinet of Ministers at several earlier occasions to amend the Consumer Affairs Authority Act No. 9 of 2003. In accordance with the approval granted at the Cabinet meeting held on 2023-05-02, the Legal Draftsman is currently in the process of preparing the relevant amended Bill, and the Legal Draftsman has informed that it would be appropriate to obtain policy approval from the present Cabinet of Ministers for that purpose. Accordingly, taking into consideration the necessity of restructuring the Consumer Affairs Authority too, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development to instruct the Legal Draftsman to expeditiously complete the preparation of the relevant Bill to enable the amendment of the Consumer Affairs Authority Act, No. 9 of 2003.

16. Appointment to Act in the Post of Director General of Commerce.

Ms. Ameena Shafi, who served in the post of Director General of Commerce, has retired from the public service with effect from 2026-04-09 upon reaching the age of 60 years, and accordingly, the said post has now fallen vacant. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Cooperative Development to appoint Mr. M.S. Mahadiulwewa, who is currently serving as the senior-most Director of Commerce in the Department of Commerce and is an officer in Grade I of the Senior Executive Service category of the said Department, to act in the post of Director General of Commerce, in addition to his substantive post, with immediate effect.

17. Proposed Amendments to the Finance Business Act, No. 42 of 2011

Following the coming into operation of the Finance Business Act, No. 42 of 2011, approximately 15 years have now elapsed, and significant changes have taken place in the domestic and global financial landscape during that period. Therefore, the need has arisen to review and strengthen the regulatory framework governing the finance companies sector. Accordingly, it has been identified that the provisions of the Act relating particularly to licensing, supervision, resolution, corporate governance, protection of depositors, and enforcement against unauthorized acceptance of deposits should be amended. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President, in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, to instruct the Legal Draftsman to prepare a Bill to enable the amendment of the Finance Business Act, No. 42 of 2011.

18. Designation as Primary Businesses of Strategic Importance under the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act

Prime Melwa Port City (Private) Limited and Home Lands Port City (Private) Limited have planned to construct an ultra-luxury residential tower and an eco-friendly luxury twin residential tower, within Colombo Port City, with investments of USD 127.6 million and USD 150.0 million, respectively. Through the implementation of these projects, approximately 1,170 new employment opportunities will be created. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President, in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, to designate Prime Melwa Port City (Private) Limited and Home Lands Port City (Private) Limited as primary businesses of strategic importance in terms of the provisions of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021, and to award releases and encouragements for those enterprises proposed in the act.

19. Designation as Secondary Businesses of Strategic Importance

The following companies have planned to operate six (06) businesses under the sectors of information technology, logistics services, consultancy services, public utilities and infrastructure, and maritime technology within the Colombo Port City. It is expected that these proposed businesses will bring in approximately USD 14.6 million in direct foreign investment into the country within five years and generate approximately 650 new employment opportunities. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President, in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, to designate the following companies as secondary businesses of strategic importance in terms of the provisions of the Colombo Port City Economic Commission Act, No. 11 of 2021, and to award releases and encouragements for those enterprises proposed in the act:

- DIJITAL TEAM LK (PVT) LTD
- VITALHUB INNOVATIONS LAB (PVT) LTD
- WELVAART SOLUTIONS (PVT) LTD
- ADVANTIS BRIDGE (PRIVATE) LIMITED
- JAVA GLOBAL ACCESS PLATFORM FZ-LLC
- OCEAN BUIDERS LLC

20. Signing of Memoranda of Understanding during the State Visit of the President of Vietnam to Sri Lanka.

At the invitation of Hon. Anura Kumara Dissanayake, President of the Sri Lanka, the Hon. President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is scheduled to undertake a State Visit to Sri Lanka on 2026-05-07 and 08. With the objective of further strengthening cooperation between the two countries across several sectors, the Cabinet of Minister's approval was granted for the signing of the following Memoranda of Understanding during the said State Visit:

- Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of information and communication between the Ministry of Health and Mass Media of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- Memorandum of Understanding on cultural cooperation between the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Socialist Republic Vietnam.

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Ethnic and Religious Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on development of the religious sector, welfare of religious students, and promotion and protection of religious beliefs, customs, and practices.
- Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in science and technology sectors between the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in police training and scientific research between the Sri Lanka National Police Academy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the People's Police Academy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

21. Entering a Memorandum of Understanding on Railway Transport Infrastructure Development Cooperation between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Russian Federation

The Ministry of Transport, Highways and Urban Development of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation have expressed agreement to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of railway transport infrastructure development. Through the signing of the said Memorandum of Understanding, it is expected to implement joint projects in accordance with the laws and regulations of both countries, in a mutually beneficial and balanced manner, for the development of railway transport in Sri Lanka. The proposed memorandum of understanding may assist to create cooperation in the sectors of infrastructure facilities construction, modification, electrification, digitalization and consultancy services and train equipment and spare parts in the railway system in the country. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development to sign the above memorandum of understanding.

22. Appointment to the Post of Director General of Customs.

Service period of Mr. S. P. Arukgoda, currently serving in the post of Director General of Customs is scheduled to be ended from 05-05-2026 Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to appoint Mr. Wimal S.K. Liyanagama, serving as the Director General of Management Services Department at present to the post of Director General of Customs with effect from 06.05.2026.

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