



FRIDAY, JANUARY 03, 2020
CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF
THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT AND THE MEMORANDUM
OF THE CEREMONY

His Excellency the President will open the Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on Friday, January 03, 2020.

Arrival at Parliament: Members of Parliament should arrive at Parliament by 9.15 a.m. the latest. Members, if accompanied by their spouses will alight at the Staff Entrance. All other Members will alight at the Members' Entrance. To facilitate arrival, Members are kindly requested that the Car Label which has been sent be pasted on the inside top left-hand corner of the windscreen of their vehicles. On arrival at Parliament, Members' vehicles will be directed by the Police to the appropriate Car Park.

Procedure: Members of Parliament will enter the Lobbies of Parliament and will remain in the Lobbies, until the Quorum Bells are rung.

His Excellency the President will arrive at the Main Entrance to the Parliament Building at 9.30 a.m. and His Excellency the President will be received by the Hon. Speaker and the Secretary-General of Parliament. His Excellency the President will be escorted by them to the Parliament Building. Thereafter, the Hon. Speaker and the Secretary-General of Parliament will escort His Excellency the President to his Chambers.

Proceedings in the Chamber: At 9.55 a.m. the Quorum Bells will be rung for five minutes and all Members will take their seats in the Chamber of Parliament. His Excellency's Procession will leave for the Chamber of Parliament and will enter the Chamber at 10.00 a.m.. On entering the Chamber His Excellency will be announced whereupon all Members will stand in their places until His Excellency reaches the Chair and requests the Members to be seated.

His Excellency will now preside over the Ceremonial Sitting of Parliament. Thereafter, the Proclamation proroguing the Parliament and Summoning the Meeting of Parliament will be read by the Secretary-General of Parliament. Then, His Excellency the President will address Parliament.

After his Address, His Excellency the President will suspend the Parliament until 1.00 p.m. on this day.

Thereafter, His Excellency the President will leave the Chamber escorted by the Hon. Speaker and the Secretary-General of Parliament.

Dhammika Dasanayake
Secretary-General of Parliament