



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2023
CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE FOURTH SESSION OF
THE NINTH PARLIAMENT AND THE MEMORANDUM
OF THE CEREMONY

The Honourable President will open the Fourth Session of the Ninth Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on Wednesday, February 08, 2023.

Arrival at Parliament: Members of Parliament should arrive at Parliament by 9.25 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 will be 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.

The Honourable President will arrive at the Main Steps of the Parliament Building at 9.40 a.m. and the Honourable President will be received by the Hon. Speaker and the Secretary-General of Parliament. The Honourable President will be escorted by them to the Parliament Building. Thereafter, the Hon. Speaker and the Secretary-General of Parliament will escort the Honourable 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. The Honourable President's Procession will leave for the Chamber of Parliament and will enter the Chamber at 10.00 a.m.. On entering the Chamber the Honourable President will be announced whereupon all Members will stand in their places until the Honourable President reaches the Chair and requests the Members to be seated.

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

After his Address, the Honourable President will adjourn Parliament until 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, February 09, 2023.

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

Dhammika Dasanayake
Secretary-General of Parliament