

## **Celebration of World Environment Day June 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Sri Lanka has been celebrating World Environment Day for some years. H.E. the President as the Minister of Environment declared an environment week prior to the environment day and final celebration to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> June. This year, during the environment week, days were designated for different activities.

29<sup>th</sup> May - Awareness Creating Day

30<sup>th</sup> May – Environment Cleaning Day

31<sup>st</sup> May – Waste Management Day

1<sup>st</sup> June – Tree Planting Day

2<sup>nd</sup> June – Water & Water Catchment area Conservation Day

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Bio-diversity Conservation Day.

4<sup>th</sup> June –Sustainable Land Management Day.

5<sup>th</sup> June – World Environment Day with the theme “Connecting People to Nature”

Sri Lanka faced with heavy rainfall followed by severe flooding that accounted for nearly 300 deaths and enormous economic loss. Therefore, the planned program had to change under these circumstances. However since the problem was a natural disaster related to environment, naturally it became awareness creating about the environment degradation.

World Environment Day was planned to celebrate with the participation of H.E. the President had to be changed and it will be re named as Environment Clean-up Day. H.E. the President has taken up this matter personally and he will be present and participate at this event in the worst effected area at Yatigampitiya in Kaluthara District on 5<sup>th</sup> June. This activity will be conducted in greater area of Kaluthara District. Government officers, Agencies, Private sector organization will take part in this activity which is a necessity under these circumstance at this critical period.