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Disembarkation of passengers and crew members from Cruise Ships

The Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is spreading in countries other than China where the disease originated and at present certain countries are experiencing rapid local spread.

The Cruise Ships carry a large number of passengers and crew members and are in contact with each other within the vessel. This situation can lead to a single asymptomatic patient infecting a large number of other passengers and crew members. This was evident in the Cruise Ship Diamond Princess where 682 persons have been diagnosed to be infected at present.

Considering the serious risk of introducing the COVID-19 to Sri Lanka through Cruise Ships, disembarkation of passengers and crew members of Cruise Ships will not be permitted until further notice under the powers vested to me as the Proper Authority under the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance No. 3 of 1897. However, there will be no restrictions for docking and other service operations of Cruise Ships in the port.

I kindly request you to implement the above decision in the Sri Lankan ports.

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