

Unconditional assistance from private sector for garbage recycling

At a discussion held at the Ministry yesterday, Secretary of the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government Kamal Padmasiri said that the Private Sector agreed unconditionally to assist in recycling non degradable garbage. The discussion was held under the patronage of the Ministry Secretary Kamal Padmasiri and the officers from the National Solid Waste Management Support Center and representatives from the Solid Waste Management Association were present at the event.

Island wide Municipal Councils (23) decided to collect only segregated garbage from November 1, following a concept of Minister Faiszer Musthapha. The discussion aimed at making a proper procedure to recycle non degradable waste.

At first, the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) and the Solid Waste Management Association decided to sign an agreement on recycling non degradable waste. Ministry Secretary Kamal Padmasiri requested the Solid Waste Management

Association to join this programme considering it as a social obligation, apart from economic targets. All necessary requirement will be supplied from the Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government, he added.

Members of the association pointed out that there are recyclable and non-recyclable solid waste. So that a list of recyclable waste will be given to the CMC and only such waste will be taken out for the purpose. The Solid Waste Management Association said that the decision taken to recycle waste is admirable and they agreed to cooperate fully.

Officers of the CMC were directed to keep litter bins near flats in Colombo to collect segregated waste. Police officers will be on surveillance at all times to

inspect whether the garbage is segregated correctly.

The decision was taken on the complaints received that the disposed garbage is not segregated in flats.

The Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government will launch several awareness programmes targeting schools and government sectors and the street drama programme on garbage segregation being carried out by the

CMC will be continued.



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