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Press Release

“Walk For Peace”

From 21st April to 28th 2026

Arrangements have been made to hold the internationally recognized “Walk for Peace” peace procession in Sri Lanka from 21st to 28th April 2026 with state sponsorship.

The pilgrimage will be led by the Most Venerable Pannakara Thero together with a delegation of monks scheduled to carry a sapling from the Anuradhapura Sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi at this peace procession.

A wide range of state and private institutions, including the President's Secretariat, Clean Sri Lanka Program, Sri Dalada Maligawa, Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs; Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government; Tri Forces and Police and the National Design Center, support this spiritually significant event. It is expected to popularize the Buddhist heritage and the traditional crafts and arts of Sri Lanka while this peace procession is ongoing.

The program arrangement relevant to this benevolent and noble pilgrimage is attached herewith for the appropriate publicity.

Publicity Unit

Department of Government Information

“Walk For Peace” - Program Arrangement

21.04.2026 – 28.04.2026

Date	Activity
21.04.2026 5.30 a.m.	Katunayaka International Airport Venerable Pannakara Thero arrives in the island
21.04.2026 9.00 a.m.	Attanagalla Raja Maha Viharaya – Media Conference
21.04.2026 3.00 p.m.	Anuradhapura Offering the Sapling of the Sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi
21.04.2026 4.00 p.m.	Religious program at the Ruwanweli Seya
Arrival at Dambulla and end of the day	

Peace Procession		
Date	Start	End
22.04.2026 6.30 a.m.	Start of the Peace Procession	Aluviharaya - Matale
23.04.2026 7.00 a.m.	Aluviharaya - Matale	Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic
23.04.2026 4.00 p.m.	paying respects to the Chief Prelates (Maha Nayaka Theros) of the Malwatta and Asgiriya Chapters and Worshipping Tooth Relic	
24.04.2026 6.45 a.m.	Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic	Mawanella Beligammana Vidyawardena Piriwen Pothgul Viharaya
25.04.2026 6.30 a.m.	Mawanella Beligammana Vidyawardena Piriwen Pothgul Viharaya	Tholangamuwa National School
26.04.2026 6.00 a.m.	Tholangamuwa National School	Abesekararamaya, Yakkala
27.04.2026 6.00 a.m.	Abesekararamaya, Yakkala	Kelaniya Raja Maha Viharaya
28.04.2026 11.00 a.m.	Discussion with the School and University students Kelaniya Raja Maha Viharaya	
28.04.2026 4.00 p.m.	Ceremony – Independence Square State Ceremony to offer the sapling of the Anuradhapura Sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi to the Most Venerable Pannakara Thero with the participation of the Hon. President	
28.04.2026 5.30 p.m.	Commencement of the procession	
28.04.2026 7.00 p.m.	Reaching the Procession to the Gangaramaya Temple	
28.04.2026 7.30 p.m.	Commencement of the program “ We are the Design ” program conducted by the National Design center with the inaugurated by Venerable Pannakara Thero, Venerable Dr.Melpitiye Wimalakiththi Thero and Respected Monks	
01.05.2026 Morning	Returning the monks who came to peace procession to America	