

## INTERNATIONAL TEA SYMPOSIUM AGENDA - INAUGURATION

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025, Monday

**Venue:** Cinnamon Grand, Colombo

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
08:20-08:25	Arrival of Chief and Special Guests
08:25-08:30	Lighting the Oil Lamp
08:30-08:40	Welcome Address: Senior Professor W.A.J.M. De Costa, Chairman, Tea Research Board
08:40-08:45	Introductory Video on Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka
08:45-09:00	Address by Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Honorable Prime Minister, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
09:00-09:03	Official Release of TRI5000 Series Cultivars for the Low Country Tea Growing Region by Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka: Dr. J.H.N. Piyasundara
09:03-09:05	Presenting the token of appreciation to Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Honorable Prime Minister, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
09:05-09:25	Keynote Address: Dr. Rohan Fernando, Managing Director, Aitken Spence Plantation Managements PLC
09:25-09:28	Presenting the token of appreciation to Dr. Rohan Fernando, Managing Director, Aitken Spence Plantation Managements PLC
09:28-09:32	Presentation of the Synopses of Symposium Proceedings: Dr. M. Niranjan and Dr. S. Raguraj
09:32-09:35	Official Release of Book "A Guide to Identification of Weeds in Tea Lands of Sri Lanka" Authored by Mr. M.G.S. Liyanage and Dr. M.S.D. Luxmiei De Silva
09:35-09:40	Address by Mr. Prabhath Chandrakeerthi, Secretary to the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure
09:40-09:42	Presenting the token of appreciation to Mr. Prabhath Chandrakeerthi, Secretary to the Ministry of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

09:42-10:02 Address by Hon. K.V. Samantha Viddyarathna, Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

10:02-10:04 Presenting the token of appreciation to Hon. K.V. Samantha Viddyarathna, Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

10:04-10:07 Presenting the token of appreciation to Hon. Sundaralingam Pradeep, Deputy Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure

10:07-10:17 Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks: Dr. M.A.B. Ranatunga, the Director, Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka

10:17-10:20 National Anthem