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21.07.2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Special Scientific Committee Meeting – Announcement of Positive Results on Circular Leaf Spot Disease (Pesta) Management and Related Findings

I am pleased to announce that the experimental trials conducted for the management of Circular Leaf Spot Disease (Pesta) using a chemical cocktail formulation have yielded consistently positive results for the second consecutive year.

These encouraging outcomes highlight the potential for field-level application and reinforce the feasibility of implementing an Integrated Disease Management (IDM) strategy in 2026. In light of these developments, we believe that sharing field experiences and discussing associated findings will be highly beneficial to shaping future disease management protocols.

Accordingly, a **Special Scientific Committee Meeting** is being organized to deliberate on:

- The findings of the Circular Leaf Spot Disease management trials
- Observations on nutrient management status and its influence on the crop
- Crop loss assessments
- Broader disease management strategies
- Proposed future plans for field application and research

As part of this initiative, a field visit to two selected experimental sites has also been arranged to allow participants to observe the results firsthand.

Your participation and expert insights at this meeting will be highly valued. Further details regarding the date, venue, and agenda are attached. Kindly confirm your participation before the 25th of July.

Yours Sincerely,

Samanthi Withanage

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03. Dr (Mrs) Sagari Kudaligama, Head, Biochemistry & Physiology Department
04. Dr T U K Silva, Actg. Head, Plant Science Department
05. Dr (Mrs) Keshani Silva, Senior Research Officer, Plant Pathology & Microbiology
06. Dr P K K S Gunarathne, Senior Advisory Officer, Advisory Services Department
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Date: **Tuesday the 29th of July**

Time: **9.00 a.m.**

Venue: **Main Auditorium, Rubber Research Institute of Sri Lanka, Dartonfield, Agalawatte**

Agenda

Time	Event	
9.00 a.m. – 9.05 a.m.	Welcome	Dr (Mrs) Samanthi Withanage Actg. Director, RRISL
9.05 a.m. – 9.10 a.m.	Opening Remarks	Dr Priyantha Weerasinghe Chairman, RRB
9.10 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Introduction to CLSD Background & Research Protocol	Dr (Mrs) Sarojini Fernando Head, Plant Pathology & Microbiology Department
9.30 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.	Latest Research Findings on Chemical Controlling	Dr (Mrs) Keshani Silva Senior Research Officer, Plant Pathology & Microbiology Department
9.45 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Effect of Plant Nutrition on the Disease	Mr Sangeeth Liyanaarachchi Research Officer Soil & Plant Nutrition Department
10.00 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	Factors effecting the crop lose in rubber plantation	Dr T U K Silva Actg. Head, Plant Science Department
10.15 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Crop Lose due to the CLSD	Dr Sagari Kudaligama Head, Biochemistry & Physiology Department
10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Integrated Disease Management for CLSD	Dr (Mrs) Sarojini Fernando Head, Plant Pathology & Microbiology Department
10.45 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.	Future Dissemination Programmes	Dr P K K S Gunarthne Senior Advisory Officer Advisory Services Department
11.00 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.	Discussion	
11.15 a.m.	Guided Field Trip – Maddegedara Estate, Yatadola Estate, Matugama	