



PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

U.S.-Sri Lanka led Multilateral Exercise (CARAT 2023)

The JMSDF participated in a multilateral exercise “CARAT 2023” hosted by the U.S. Navy (USN) and the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) in order to strengthen cooperation and to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen relationship with the participating navies, etc.

2. Period

January 19-27

3. Exercise Area

In the vicinity of Colombo

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: Staff from the Maritime Staff Office, Ministry of Defense
- (2) USN: USS *ANCHORAGE*, P-8A
- (3) SLN: SLNS *GAJABAHU*, SLNS *VIJAYABAHU*
- (4) Maldives National Defense Force (MNDF): MNDF HQ, etc.

5. Type of exercises

Search and Rescue Exercise, etc

6. Notes

Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.



Briefing during the exercise



Group photo of participants