

PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-Sri Lanka Goodwill Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2023 (IPD23) unit conducted a goodwill exercise with 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 JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To promote friendship and mutual understanding with the SLN

2. Date

July 29

3. Exercise Area

Off Colombo

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SAMIDARE* (IPD23 First Surface Unit)
- (2) SLN: SLNS *GAJABAHU*

5. Type of exercises

Tactical maneuvering exercise, PHOTOEX, etc.

6. Notes

JS *SAMIDARE* (IPD23 First Surface Unit) made a port visit to Colombo, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka from 20th to 29th July, and had hull inspection and maintenance in Colombo Dockyard.



From the front, JS *SAMIDARE* and SLNS *GAJABAHU*



JMSDF members seeing of the SLNS *GAJABAHU*