

**PRESS RELEASE**June 24, 2024
Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-Sri Lanka Goodwill Exercise

The JMSDF 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

June 22

3. Exercise Area

Off Colombo

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *SAMIDARE*
- (2) SLN: SLNS *GAJABAHU*

5. Type of exercises

Tactical maneuvering exercise, COMMEX, PHOTOEX

6. Notes

JS *SAMIDARE* made a port visit to Colombo, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka from June 20 to June 22.



JMSDF members conducting training



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



JMSDF member saluting the commanding officer of SLNS *GAJABAHU*



JMSDF members seeing off the SLNS *GAJABAHU*