



PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan - Sri Lanka Goodwill Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Middle East Deployment 2025 (IMED25) unit conducted a goodwill exercise with the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) as described below in order to strengthen cooperation and to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To promote friendship and mutual understanding between the JMSDF and the SLN

2. Date

April 4

3. Exercise Area

Off the coast of Colombo

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *BUNGO*, JS *ETAJIMA*
- (2) SLN: SLNS *VIJAYABAHU*

5. Type of Exercises

Maneuvering exercise, COMMEX

6. Notes

JS *BUNGO*, JS *ETAJIMA* made a port visit at Colombo, the Democratic Socialist of Sri Lanka from April 1 to 4.



From the front, SLNS *VIJAYABAHU*, JS *ETAJIMA*



From the front, SLNS *VIJAYABAHU*, JS *BUNGO*



JMSDF members seeing of SLNS *VIJAYABAHU*



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