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## Japan-Sri Lanka Goodwill Exercise

The Indo-Pacific Deployment 2025(IPD25) unit conducted a goodwill exercise with the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) as described below in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”

## 1. Objectives

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

## 2. Period

October 31

## 3. Exercise Area

Off the coast of Colombo

## 4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *AKEBONO* (IPD25 Forth Surface Unit)
- (2) SLN: SLNS *SAYURA*

## 5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Maneuvering, COMMEX, PHOTOEX

## 6. Notes

JS *AKEBONO* made a port visit at Colombo, the Democratic Socialist of Sri Lanka from Oct 28 to 31.



From the front, JS *AKEBON*, SLNS *SAYURA*



From the front, SLNS *SAYURA*, JS *AKEBONO*