

PRESS RELEASE

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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan-Sri Lanka Goodwill Exercise

The JMSDF 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. Date

March 11

3. Exercise Area

Off the coast of Colombo

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *OHNAMI*
- (2) SLN: SLNS *NANDIMITHRA*

5. Type of Exercise

Tactical Maneuvering, COMMEX

6. Notes

JS *OONAMI* made a port visit at Colombo, the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka from March 9 to 11.



SLNS NANDIMITHRA



JMSDF members seeing of the *SLNS NANDIMITHRA*