



The Department of International Relations, University of Colombo in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka are pleased to present the Special Guest Lecture on:

## MARITIME SECURITY

### Keynote Speech on “Japan’s Ocean Policy in the context of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy”



Keynote Speaker:

#### Professor Atsuko Kanehara

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Professor Atsuko Kanehara serves as the Councillor of the *Advisory Council for the National Headquarters for Ocean Policy of Japan* appointed by the Prime Minister of Japan. She was the Chairperson of the *Sub Committee on Maritime Security under the Advisory Council* in year 2017. Professor Kanehara also is the Councillor of the *Japanese Society of International Law (JSIL)* as well as the *International Law Association (ILA) Japan Branch*. Professor Kanehara is also a Member of *Board of Governors of IMO International Maritime Law Institute*.

Her research interests fall within the wide areas of the *Law of the Sea*, including the *Law of State Responsibility*. Professor Kanehara has delivered a course of lectures at The Hague Academy of International Law, Netherlands in year 2017.

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Venue: M.B. Ariyapala Auditorium,**

**Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo**

A free and open maritime order based on the rule of law is a cornerstone for stability and prosperity of the international community. The Indo-Pacific is the core of global development where more than half of the global population resides.

While promoting the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy Japan adopted the Third Basic Plan on Ocean Policy by the cabinet decision on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May in 2018. Its main pillar is maritime security. Along with these legislative devices, there is also an institutional development with respect to the realization of Japan’s ocean policy. Currently, the pressing agenda for Japan is the development of these different institutional systems in the parallel manner.

### Followed by a Panel Discussion on “Maritime Security Regime”

Chairperson:

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