

**DIALOGUE BETWEEN SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN BUDDHISTS:
EXCHANGES BETWEEN JAPANESE BUDDHISM AND SRI LANKAN
BUDDHISM WHICH BEGAN IN THE LATE 19TH CENTURY**

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ABSTRACT

In the late 19th century, a Japan-Ceylon (present-day Sri Lanka) Buddhist communication network began to form, and Japanese Mahāyāna Buddhists and Ceylonese Theravāda Buddhists had many dialogues by exchanging letters. That developed into further exchanges between Japanese and Ceylonese Buddhism. This paper is a survey of the development of exchanges, centered on the formation of the network.

KEYWORDS

Japan-Ceylon Buddhist Network, Dialogue, Exchanging Letters