Japan is the most apposite model for social change in Sri Lanka

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Although both Japan and Sri Lanka are in the same region and the fundamental cultural practices are similar to each other, the states of social development of both countries are comparatively assorted. The rationale of the study is to identify the affirmative practices of Japanese people, in essence, the segments of family structure, time, religion, etiquette, collectivity, safekeeping the environment, food culture, shielding and alteration of the tradition and free education, which led to the socio-cultural development in Japan and advocate such practices in Sri Lankan context. The study is principally carried out through the observations in Japan and the secondary data, collected from university library and various URLs strengthened the accuracy of the work. The consequences reveal that Japanese decorum are applicable to the Sri Lankan context and employing such values in the Sri Lankan framework would helpful to avoid a number of social issues and would comfort the livelihood of Sri Lankans.

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