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Country/Region : Colombo, Sri Lanka

Current Position : Owner, Japanese restaurant "Nihonbashi"

Dharshan founded Nihonbashi in 1995, and the next 19 years saw the restaurant grow into one of the most sought-after Japanese restaurants in the region. In his TV series "Culinary Journeys with Dharshan," he consistently aimed to educate the public about Japanese cuisine by filming episodes dedicated to different genres of Japanese food. On several occasions, Dharshan has hand-carried ingredients to create unique Japanese dinners in India and the Maldives. Nihonbashi made it into San Pellegrino's list of "Asia's 50 Best Restaurants" in the 2013 and 2014 editions, as well as being named the best restaurant in Sri Lanka. Moreover, Dharshan's contribution to Japanese Culture was recognized by the Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka, which awarded him the Japanese Ambassador's Special Commendation 2013.