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## HEADLINES

### Noon news

All networks gave top play to reports on the U.S. presidential election. NTV reported that a senior MOFA official said that the GOJ will immediately contact the staff of the president-elect once confirmed, adding that MOFA is prepared to work with whomever wins. TV Asahi said the Nikkei Stock Average plunged more than 500 points this morning following reports that Trump is leading in some key states.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Ambassador Kennedy hosts election results watch event

Wednesday evening's Asahi reported on the election results watch event held at the U.S. Ambassador's Residence this morning, quoting Ambassador Kennedy as telling the participants that today is the day when the American people show how much they value freedom and democracy. The Ambassador reportedly sponsored the event to give the participants a better understanding of

American democracy. ICU Assistant Professor Stephen Nagy reportedly said: "The election may destabilize U.S.-Japan relations no matter who wins."

- [\*\*New Party Daichi leader: Resolve Northern Territories issue by taking back two islands first\*\*](#) (Shukan Ekonomisuto)
- [\*\*PM Abe meets with speaker of Kenya's National Assembly\*\*](#) (Mainichi)
- [\*\*Yachi visits Moscow\*\*](#) (Asahi Evening edition)
- [\*\*Editorial: Cooperation with Russia must be linked to progress on territorial issue\*\*](#) (The Japan News)
- [\*\*Editorial: Deal with India undermines nuclear nonproliferation\*\*](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)
- [\*\*Cartoon: President Park\*\*](#) (Sankei)

## SECURITY

### [\*\*Survey finds noise level of Osprey equal to GSDF's chopper\*\*](#)

NHK reported this morning that a survey on the noise from two MV-22 Ospreys conducted last month at the GSDF's Kisarazu Camp, where the maintenance of Futenma-based Ospreys will begin in January, found that the noise level was equal to that of the GSDF's CH-47 helicopters. The network said that according to the Acquisition, Technology & Logistics Agency (ATLA), the survey conducted at three locations outside the Kisarazu Camp on Oct. 24 found that the noise levels of the Osprey and the CH-47 were "almost the same." In addition, the network said the noise levels of the Osprey and the CH-47 while hovering within the premises of the base were almost identical, but the noise level of the Osprey while hovering outside the base was found to be higher. Kisarazu City reportedly concluded that the noise level in the city will not be affected by the Ospreys.

- [\*\*Legislation for monitoring land purchases by foreign capital to be submitted\*\*](#) (Sankei)
- [\*\*Komeito approves new "rush to the rescue" duties for GSDF in South Sudan\*\*](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [\*\*New PKO plan for GSDF in South Sudan to have withdrawal provisions\*\*](#) (Mainichi)
- [\*\*LDP lawmakers call for joint use of U.S. military bases\*\*](#) (Okinawa Times)

- [\*\*Abe, highest-ranking U.S. Air Force officer meet, agree to promote NTA return\*\*](#) (JIJI)
- [\*\*U.S. Marine indicted for stealing car and DUI\*\*](#) (Ryukyu Shimpo)
- [\*\*MOD reinforces SDF bases on Nansei Islands\*\*](#) (Akahata)
- [\*\*35% of Coast Guard vessels outdated as seas remain troubled\*\*](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)

## **POLITICS**

### [\*\*Okinawa enraged by cabinet minister's remark on "dojin" comment\*\*](#)

The two major Okinawa papers reported heavily this morning on strong reactions among local people to yesterday's remark by Minister for Okinawa and Northern Territories Affairs Tsuruho, who said at the Diet that it is absolutely impossible for him to characterize the word "dojin" that a riot policeman used against protesters at the Northern Training Area last month as discriminatory. The papers emphasized that the politician's remark ran counter to the rebukes made by other GOJ officials, including Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga, who called the policeman's comment "totally unforgivable." Okinawa Times claimed that Tsuruho has made careless remarks repeatedly and that the latest controversial statement reflects his "shallow" understanding of human rights. Ryukyu Shimpo asserted that the politician is not qualified to be the top central government official in charge of Okinawa issues.

- [\*\*Prime minister's schedule on Nov. 8\*\*](#) (Nikkei)
- [\*\*Yuko Mori joins parliamentary group of Liberal Party and Social Democratic Party\*\*](#) (Sankei)
- [\*\*Japan announces new ambassadors to Mongolia, Guatemala, Angola, Malawi\*\*](#) (Asahi)
- [\*\*73% of Diet members say constitutional amendment is needed, Yomiuri poll\*\*](#) (Yomiuri)
- [\*\*Opinion poll & results of poll of Diet members on constitutional amendment\*\*](#) (Yomiuri)
- [\*\*Cartoon: President Park\*\*](#) (Sankei)

## **ECONOMY**

[\*\*Gov't spokesman vows to promote TPP regardless of election results\*\*](#)

Nikkei reported online on press remarks this morning by Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga, who emphasized the Abe administration's strong commitment to promoting the TPP no matter who prevails in the U.S. presidential election by saying: "The leaders of the 12 member states, including the U.S., agreed last year to seek early effectuation. President Obama is doing his utmost to obtain congressional approval this year."

- [Editorial: TPP should be deliberated more thoroughly to address people's concerns](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Cartoon: Farm Minister Yamamoto](#) (Asahi)
- [LDP's Nikai says passage of casino bill in current Diet session "difficult"](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Cartoon: Dentsu](#) (Akahata)

## SCIENCE

- [Businesses will be required to have plan for space debris when launching satellites](#) (Nikkei Evening edition)

## EDUCATION

- [Komeito proposes 50,000-yen monthly stipend for scholarship grants](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Private foundation to offer scholarships for studying in the U.K.](#) (Nikkei)
- [Students to be vetted for no-strings scholarships](#) (Yomiuri)

## OPINION POLLS

- [Opinion poll & results from Yomiuri Shimbun](#) (Yomiuri)

## TV PROGRAMS

### **Modernist architecture – legacy or burden?**

NHK's "Close-up Gendai Plus" reported on the many unique buildings in Japan designed by such renowned architects as Kenzo Tange and Kisho Kurokawa, saying that while such modernist architecture is popular worldwide, a lot of these buildings are falling into a state of disrepair. Repairing such buildings is extremely expensive and many municipalities do not have the

resources to maintain them. Some local governments are reportedly making efforts to preserve such modernist buildings.

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