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HEADLINES

Noon news

All networks led with reports on Donald Trump's victory in the U.S. presidential election, saying that anti-Trump demonstrations were held across the nation. NTV said the new U.S. President will begin his term with the difficult task of putting the divided nation back together. TBS reported that PM Abe and President-elect Trump agreed to make arrangements to meet on Nov. 17 in New York.

On the phone conversation between PM Abe and President-elect Trump, NHK quoted Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga as telling reporters this morning: "They spoke by phone and agreed to hold a meeting soon. I think this is a good start to building a relationship of trust between the two leaders." When asked if it will now be difficult to put the TPP into force, Suga reportedly responded: "We don't think so at all. The leaders of the 12 member states have agreed to swiftly put the agreement into force and



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President Obama is making all-out efforts to get Congress to pass the trade deal by the end of this year. We understand that every nation, including the U.S., will move the process forward with public support."

INTERNATIONAL

Tokyo bookstore sets up "Trump section"

NHK reported this afternoon that following Trump's victory in the U.S. presidential election, a major bookstore in Tokyo has set up a special section for books related to President-elect Trump, saying that it is attracting many visitors. The network said there are currently about 20 different titles in the section on the President-elect, including one explaining his past extreme remarks, his own books, and one on domestic issues in the U.S. The network quoted a customer as saying: "It is frightening, but I can't help reading the books. I hope that I find that he is actually a different type of person." A bookstore staff member was quoted as saying: "Everything is unpredictable, so I guess people will be very sensitive to every word he says. I think people's interest is high because it's highly entertaining and also because of their interest in American politics." The network added that the same bookstore decided to return about 20 different titles on Hillary Clinton given that they are unlikely to sell well.

Hiroshima mayor calls on Trump to visit nuclear ground zero

NHK reported this afternoon that Hiroshima Mayor Matsui called on President-elect Trump to visit Hiroshima, just as President Obama did, by telling reporters today: "I hope that he will increase his political understanding of the problematic nature and inhumanity of nuclear weapons." Concerning Trump's past remarks about possibly accepting Japan to possess nuclear weapons, Matsui reportedly said: "I think they were mostly for winning the election. I think he will adjust his way of thinking as a policymaker leading the world. I think he will eventually understand that pursuing a world free of nuclear weapons will lead to economic stability."

Okinawa anxious to learn Trump's position on base issues

The two major Okinawa papers reported extensively this morning on Donald Trump's victory and its potential implications for Okinawa, expressing reservations about the prospects for base issues, including Futenma relocation, possibly becoming more complicated since the President-elect has been calling for Japan to take on additional defense roles. The papers, however, also took up expectations voiced by some locals who are optimistic about the new U.S. leader taking a different approach toward Okinawa based on the assessment that he is an "outsider" who may be more receptive to unconventional thinking.

In a related story, Okinawa Times claimed that Governor Onaga is hoping to visit Washington to meet with Trump either in February or mid-March or later so that he can urge the new U.S. leader in person to abandon the FRF project off Camp Schwab. On Trump's victory, the governor told the press yesterday: "As Mr. Trump is expected to adopt a new political approach, I would like to see how his administration deals with base issues in Okinawa. I hope that he will listen to our side of the story." Ryukyu Shimpo noted that the governor plans to send to the President-elect a congratulatory message, which is apparently very unusual, in the hope that something substantial will happen during his presidency.

Japanese youths excited to learn about American political process

Nikkei reported in its city news section on an event held in early November at the American Center Japan in Tokyo, during which some 50 local university students learned about the U.S. presidential election process in detail. The daily said the participants were excited to hear about the heated campaign between the Trump and Clinton camps in part because politics is viewed as a taboo subject among Japanese youths. The daily also highlighted a similar event organized by the U.S. Consulate in Osaka on Nov. 4, quoting a local college senior as saying: "I envy the United States for its system of electing national leaders directly. American youths make political arguments as if they are enjoying a festival. We should come up with ideas to make Japan's elections more exciting."

- [Easing, strengthening of financial regulations uncertain under next U.S. president](#) (Nikkei)
- [Japan sends envoy to U.S. to meet new leaders](#) (The Mainichi)
- ["Japan-U.S. alliance is unshakable," PM Abe](#) (Asahi)
- [Trump growth agenda holds potential benefits abroad](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [How should Japan deal with the United States in light of the Trump victory?](#) (Akahata)
- [Editorial: Trump's victory demonstrates strong public resentment over disparity, political establishment](#) (Akahata)
- [Editorial: Where is the anger that brought about Trump's victory headed?](#) (Okinawa Times)
- [India's Modi seeks Japan's nuclear energy collaboration ahead of visit](#) (Kyodo News)

SECURITY

Okinawa Governor Onaga hopes to visit U.S. by March

NHK reported at 3 p.m. that Okinawa Governor Onaga expressed hope to visit the U.S. by next March in order to directly convey his opposition to the Futenma relocation plan to senior officials of the new administration. The network said although Okinawa set up an office in Washington last April and the governor himself visited the U.S. twice to directly lobby members of Congress and experts on U.S.-Japan relations, it needs to build a new network of contacts in the U.S. following the unexpected victory of Donald Trump.

LDP policy chief meets with top U.S. diplomat in Okinawa

Okinawa Times reported on a meeting held yesterday in Naha between LDP Policy Research Council Chairman Motegi and U.S. Consul General Ehrendreich, during which the Japanese politician explained the Abe administration's goal of expanding the use of U.S. bases in Okinawa by the SDF. According to Motegi, the U.S. diplomat was receptive to the idea and promised to look into it.

Yamaguchi leader withdraws acceptance of F-35 deployment at Iwakuni base

Tokyo Shimbun took up press remarks on Wednesday by Yamaguchi Governor Muraoka, who noted that he has withdrawn his previous acceptance of the planned deployment of F-35s at MCAS Iwakuni on account of a "Class-A" mishap involving the model in the U.S. on Oct. 27. He said: "My position was premised upon the absence of concern about the safety of the aircraft, which is said to have a record of few Class-A accidents.... Doubts have now emerged about its safety, which was a key factor when making the decision."

- **Worrisome campaign rhetoric of the U.S. president-elect leaves gov't on toe** (Tokyo Shimbun)

POLITICS

- **Prime minister's schedule on Nov. 9** (Nikkei)
- **Cartoon: Sinkhole in Fukuoka** (Asahi)

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- **Protectionism, yen appreciation under Trump may work against Abenomics** (Yomiuri)

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