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HEADLINES

Noon news

Most networks led with reports on the victory of Moon Jae-in in the South Korean presidential election, saying that he is expected to hold a press conference soon.

INTERNATIONAL

Suga comments on new administration in South Korea

On the election of new South Korean president Moon, NHK quoted Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga as saying at a press conference this morning: "I offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. Moon Jae-in. South Korea is our most important neighbor with whom we share strategic interests. The cooperation between Japan and South Korea, including responding to North Korea, is extremely important and essential for regional peace and stability. We hope to further deepen bilateral cooperation in various sectors with the new administration and build a new, future-oriented era." He also said: "The Japan-ROK agreement that was signed in 2015 was well received by the international community, and it is extremely important for Japan and South Korea to implement it responsibly. The government will continue to call on the South Korean side at every opportunity to steadily implement the agreement." When asked by reporters whether Prime Minister Abe will ask Moon to implement the agreement, Suga responded: "This is something we have agreed on, and he will certainly talk about implementing the agreement in a responsible manner while considering our future [relationship]."

- [Abe, Macron vow to confront protectionism together](#) (Kyodo News)

- [Editorial: Will South Korea be able to survive with a pro-Pyongyang policy](#) (Nikkei)
- [Editorial: New ROK president's mission is to avert "nuclear crisis"](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [China cries 'fake news' in reaction to report about U.S. Navy chief Harris](#) (The Japan Times)

SECURITY

["All Okinawa" anti-Henoko activists to visit San Francisco in August](#)

Okinawa Times wrote that "All Okinawa" -- a group of citizens who are opposed to the FRF construction at Henoko -- gave its members a briefing on Tuesday about the results of its visit to Washington in January. Together with Governor Onaga and Nago Mayor Inamine, the group expressed its opposition to the Henoko plan at meetings with U.S. lawmakers during the visit. The group plans to visit San Francisco on Aug. 16 to reiterate its opposition to the Henoko project at meetings with a labor union and a citizens' group there. A delegation of about 20 members of the group will go to San Francisco to attend the 25th anniversary of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance.

- [Alert system to urge people to take shelter at 1st sign of missile](#) (Kyodo News)

ECONOMY

- [Estimates show U.S. to suffer 13 trillion yen economic downturn from TPP withdrawal](#) (Shukan Diamond)

POLITICS

- [Prime minister's schedule on May 9](#) (Nikkei)
- [Gist of interpellations at Upper House Budget Committee, May 9](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Survey of newspaper editorials on Abe's constitutional revision plan](#) (Sankei)
- [LDP's Ishiba criticizes PM Abe's constitutional revision proposals](#) (Mainichi)
- [Abe's constitutional revision plan reveals inconsistent LDP position on free education](#) (Mainichi)

- [LDP fines 150 of its Diet members](#) (Mainichi)

SCIENCE

“Male menopause”

NHK's "Close-up Gendai +" reported on "male menopause," saying that such symptoms as fatigue, lethargy, and frustration are caused by an age-related drop in testosterone levels. The program said that based on the latest research, there are about six million Japanese men who are going through "male menopause." The program also reported that in severe cases, the condition can lead to dementia, depression, or heart disease.

- [Study shows 300 species of marine organisms drifted to North America after 3/11 quake](#) (Yomiuri)

- [Editorial: Does Japan have a strategy for outdoing China's space development?](#) (Sankei)

