



Afternoon Alert - Monday, November 6, 2017

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HEADLINES

Noon news

NHK, TBS, and Fuji TV led with reports on President Trump's second day in Tokyo, covering his meeting with the Emperor and the Empress and planned summit with Prime Minister Abe this afternoon. NTV and TV Asahi led with reports that one of the nine people allegedly killed by a man in Zama, Kanagawa, has been identified.

INTERNATIONAL

Leaders of U.S., Japan agree to maximize pressure on North Korea

NHK reported that President Trump and Prime Minister Abe held a working lunch and a summit at the Akasaka Palace this afternoon, after which they held a joint press conference. The network reported online that PM Abe disclosed at the press conference that the two leaders agreed to maximize the pressure on North Korea, and that the GOJ will decide on Tuesday to freeze the assets of 35 North Korean organizations and individuals. The premier also reportedly explained that the two nations will continue to hold discussions on bilateral trade within the framework of the U.S.-Japan Economic Dialogue. The network quoted Abe as saying: "President Trump's first tour in Asia is historic given the tense situation in North Korea and the region. Japan was the President's first stop, and we were able to demonstrate to the world the strong bond between the two nations under the alliance." The premier said that the two leaders took time during multiple meetings to analyze the current situation in North Korea and completely agreed on the measures to be taken in the future. Abe once again expressed support for the President's position that all options are on the table, and said he was able to confirm that the U.S. and Japan stand together one hundred percent. Abe also reportedly disclosed that the two leaders agreed to maximize pressure on North Korea and that China should play a bigger role. The premier also said the two leaders agreed to work together to

realize a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

President Trump meets with families of abductees

NHK reported that President Trump and the First Lady met with the families of Japanese abductees at the Akasaka Palace this afternoon. The President reportedly said he has heard many sad stories about the abductees and stressed that he will work closely with Prime Minister Abe to bring them back to Japan. PM Abe also pledged to make all-out efforts to resolve the issue together with President Trump. The families of the abductees are expected to hold a press conference later today.

President Trump, First Lady meet with Emperor and Empress

All networks reported that President Trump and the First Lady visited the Imperial Palace this morning and were greeted by the Emperor and the Empress at the entrance. The networks showed the couples smiling and shaking hands. NHK said this is the first time for the Emperor and Empress to meet with a U.S. president since President Obama visited Japan as a state guest three years ago. The networks said the couples talked for about 20 minutes inside the palace.

President Trump says U.S. trade with Japan “not fair”

All networks reported at noon that President Trump delivered remarks before Japanese and American business leaders at the Ambassador's Residence this morning. NHK quoted the President as saying: "Several Japanese automobile industry firms have been really doing a job, and we love it when you build cars." The network said the President gave Japanese automakers high marks and called for further investment in the U.S. to create jobs there. The President also said sales of U.S. cars are weak in Japan and expressed his desire for a new trade deal to correct the trade imbalance. The President was quoted as saying: "Right now, our trade with Japan is not fair and it's not open, and we've started the process....We will have more trade than anybody ever thought of under TPP. We will have a much bigger trade...and it will be a much less complex situation." According to NHK, the President also referred to the U.S. defense industry, and expressed hope to increase exports of defense equipment to Japan.

Seoul asked Washington to alter President's itinerary

Kyodo reported on Saturday that the South Korean government had asked the USG to change President Trump's itinerary for his East Asia trip to stay in Seoul for three days like he will in Tokyo instead of two days as planned. Although the USG decided not to change the schedule, it chose not to arrange any events for the President's third day in Tokyo out of consideration for Seoul's request. The article said Seoul's request was conveyed to the GOJ via the USG, adding that a plan for President Trump and PM Abe to visit the MSDF warship Izumo on Tuesday morning was called off for the sake of maintaining solid trilateral cooperation against North Korea.

- [Gist of FM Kono's meetings with Sec. Tillerson, USTR Lighthizer, Senior Adviser](#)

Kushner (Sankei)

- [Full translation of PM Abe's remarks on Nov. 5 on President Trump's visit](#) (Sankei)
- [Honeymoon between Japan, U.S. leaders stands out](#) (Asahi)
- [Changes in Trump's policies on Asia before and after inauguration](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Citizens' reaction to Trump visit](#) (Nikkei)
- [Editorial: S. Korea's use of comfort women issue as anti-Japan political tool must stop](#) (The Japan News)
- [Abe, Trump likely to discuss S. Korea evacuation strategy](#) (The Japan News)
- [Trump said Japan should have shot down N. Korea missiles](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Editorial: Abe and Xi must show leadership toward improving bilateral ties](#) (The Japan News)
- [Cartoon: Russiagate](#) (Sankei)
- [Cartoon: President and Prime Minister](#) (Mainichi)
- [Cartoon: Presidents Trump and Xi](#) (Asahi)

ECONOMY

- [Global Economy / China vigilant about revival of TPP](#) (The Japan News)
- [Concerns over China dominate Japan-US business roundtable](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [U.S., Japan join in infrastructure exports to Asia](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [U.S. trade deficit with Japan up for second consecutive month in September](#) (Yomiuri)
- [U.S. trade deficit with Japan down 26.2% in Sept.](#) (Kyodo News)
- [GDP requirement may be dropped in TPP](#) (The Japan News)
- [Keidanren steps up messaging against U.S. protectionism](#) (Yomiuri)

POLITICS

- [Maehara submits his resignation to DP](#) (Jiji Press)
- [Editorial: Effectiveness of measures to cope with low birthrate crucial / Results of 'putting economy 1st' to be tested](#) (The Japan News)
- [Editorial: Abe urged to be aware of Cabinet's collective responsibility to Diet](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Cartoon: PM Abe](#) (Asahi)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Nov. 5, 2017](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Nov. 4, 2017](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Nov. 3, 2017](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Nov. 2, 2017](#) (Nikkei)

OPINION POLLS

- [Support grows for talks with N. Korea, Yomiuri spot poll](#) (The Japan News)
- [Spot opinion poll & results from Yomiuri Shimbun](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Cabinet support up, but Abe's constitutional reform plan unpopular, Kyodo News spot poll](#) (Kyodo News)

SCIENCE

The massive network of the human body – Part 2: Fat and muscles

Sunday's "NHK Special" aired the second part of its series, "The massive network of the human body," focusing on fat cells and muscles in the human body. The program said the latest research has found that fat cells actually send signals to the brain to refrain from eating more when a person is full. The program also reported that signals sent by muscles are believed to be linked to enhanced memory and cancer prevention.

- [Japan catches 35 minke whales in waters around Hokkaido](#) (Kyodo News)

EDUCATION

- [Public, private sectors back Japanese university students to study abroad](#) (Nikkei)

SOCIETY

Mysterious “void” in Great Pyramid

Saturday's NHK Special reported that Nature magazine published a research paper on Nov. 2 about the historic discovery of a huge void inside the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt. The program said the 30-meter-long void has been sealed off for 4,500 years, and a group of experts led by scientists from Nagoya University and Japan's High Energy Accelerator Research Organization used modern technology to visualize the inside of the pyramid.

- [Ex-U.S. defense, state chiefs among decoration recipients in Japan](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Editorial: Increased supervision vital to fix foreign intern training system](#) (The Japan News)
- [Lower house election victory failed to bring more women into the Diet](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)

SECURITY

Bank protection work begins at two new locations in Henoko

NHK reported at noon that the Okinawa Defense Bureau began bank protection work at two new locations in Henoko this morning, saying that local opposition is inevitable as Okinawa has been calling for the cancellation of the work following the discovery of rare coral in the area. The network showed rocks being delivered and placed in the ocean. The network explained that the bank protection work is aimed at securing the area to be reclaimed.

- [Japan to install first ASDF space surveillance radar in Yamaguchi](#) (Sankei)

OKINAWA LOCAL PRESS

Defense Minister Onodera to visit Hawaii early next year

Sunday's Ryukyu Shimpo and Okinawa Times reported that final arrangements are being made for Defense Minister Onodera to visit Hawaii in January to observe a U.S. military testing facility for the “Aegis Ashore” missile defense battery on the island of Kauai. The Japanese politician is also likely to hold talks with PACOM Commander Harris during his stay in Honolulu.