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## HEADLINES

### Noon news

NHK, Fuji TV, and TV Asahi led with reports that public prosecutors and the police searched the Tokyo headquarters and four other facilities of Kobe Steel in connection with the company's falsification of product inspection data. NTV and TBS gave top play to reports that the Japan Meteorological Agency announced that the rainy season began in the Chugoku region today, two days earlier than last year.

## INTERNATIONAL

### U.S.-DPRK summit to begin at 9 a.m. on June 12

NTV, TBS and Fuji TV reported at noon that White House Press Secretary Sanders announced on Tuesday that the planned U.S.-DPRK summit will begin at 9 a.m. Singapore time on June 12. Sanders also reportedly disclosed that the U.S. advance team in Singapore will stay until the day of the summit and that working-level talks on denuclearization being held at Panmunjom made "very positive and significant progress."

Meanwhile, Fuji TV took up a report by South Korea's Dong-A Ilbo that North Korea asked for U.S. investment in the construction of a casino in Wonsan and a ski resort in Masikryong when Vice Chairman Kim Yong Chol met with President Trump. According to the report, the senior North Korean official delivered a message from Kim Jong Un saying that North Korea "will be able to embark on complete and swift denuclearization in return."

### FM Kono hoping for meeting with Secretary Pompeo, trilateral foreign ministerial in Seoul

NHK reported this afternoon that Foreign Minister Kono is making arrangements to visit Seoul on June 13 and 14 right after the U.S.-DPRK summit, adding that he is hoping to meet with Secretary of State Pompeo, who will be visiting South Korea around the same time, to receive a briefing from him

on the U.S.-DPRK summit. The network said Kono is also hoping to hold a trilateral foreign ministerial between the U.S., Japan, and South Korea to discuss North Korea's denuclearization and future measures toward a swift resolution of the abduction issue.

- [Kono to visit U.S. to coordinate policy on N. Korea from Wed.](#) (Kyodo News)
- [CCS Suga refrains from using the term “maximum pressure” on North Korea](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [FM Kono says abduction issue discussed at U.S.-DPRK summit preparatory talks](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Analysis: Will Trump-Kim summit discuss human rights issues?](#) (The Japan News)
- [IAEA chief says DPRK nuclear inspections can start within “weeks” of agreement at summit](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Editorial: Changing history with U.S.-DPRK summit](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Column: North Korea’s “shopaholic” vice foreign minister in the international limelight](#) (Sankei)
- [INSIGHTS into the WORLD / Japan must exhibit ‘immovable calmness’](#) (The Japan News)
- [The ‘Indo-Pacific’ is nothing new](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Group of 21 Japanese detained in China return home](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Malaysia’s Prime Minister to visit Japan on June 11](#) (Sankei)

## **ECONOMY**

- [Limited options available to Japan in dealing with U.S. on trade](#) (Mainichi)
- [Japan aims to promote IT, AI use in medical, nursing fields](#) (Jiji Press)
- [Japan aims to launch self-driving vehicle services by 2020](#) (Kyodo News)
- [DPFP expresses opposition to IR bill](#) (Sankei)
- [U.K. gov’t, Hitachi to begin full negotiations on nuclear plant](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Cartoon: New Keidanren chairman](#) (Akahata)
- [5G carriers battle to provide new experiences](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)

## **POLITICS**

- [Prime minister’s schedule on June 4, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Finance Ministry punishes 20 officials for document tampering](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Ruling bloc condones Aso keeping job; opposition seeks cabinet resignation over scandal](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [Panel balks at proposing the killing of Japan’s political fairness clause](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Hoshino tipped as top finance bureaucrat](#) (The Japan News)
- [LDP seniors hope to be exempted from retirement age rule](#) (Mainichi)

## **EDUCATION**

- [Only four Japanese universities rank among top 100 in terms of “productivity of academic papers,” Nikkei survey](#) (Nikkei)

## **SOCIETY**

- [Number of senior female police officers up 3.5-fold over decade](#) (Yomiuri, Evening edition)

#### SECURITY

- [Japan asserts importance of 1-month deployment of U.S. F-22 fighters](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Japan, France to set up maritime dialogue](#) (The Japan News)
- [LDP proposes reviewing defense guidelines](#) (Nikkei)
- [Municipal heads call for safe Osprey flights](#) (NHK)

#### OKINAWA LOCAL PRESS

#### **Four CV-22 Ospreys arrive at Kadena**

Okinawa Times led with a report on the arrival of four U.S. Air Force CV-22 Ospreys at Kadena Air Base on Monday afternoon. The paper wrote that one of the five Ospreys that were heading for Kadena from Yokota Air Base still remains at Amami Airport in Kagoshima Prefecture after making what the daily described as an "emergency landing" there earlier in the day. The paper claimed that although the U.S. notified the GOJ in advance by saying that the aircraft would fly to Kadena on their way to participate in drills, the GOJ notified local municipalities only after the aircraft arrived at Kadena. The paper quoted Kadena Mayor Toyama as saying: "We cannot accept an additional base-hosting burden. The arrival of the aircraft is unacceptable even if it is a stopover." The paper conjectured that concern over safety will likely grow in Okinawa because the CV-22s are expected to conduct training in Okinawa ahead of their official deployment at Yokota in the summer.

Ryukyu Shimpo front-paged a similar report. Speculating that the CV-22 will probably conduct joint drills with a special unit belonging to Kadena AB, the paper said the base-hosting burden on the local community will likely increase after the aircraft go into full-scale operation.

- [Compensation of 4.7 billion yen paid for 5,573 cases involving U.S. military since 1997](#) (Okinawa Times)