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# JAPAN MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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## HEADLINES

### Noon news

NHK, NTV, and Fuji TV led with reports on the heat wave scorching many parts of Japan today. TBS led with a report that an elementary school in Ehime Prefecture resumed classes today after it was hit hard by torrential rains last week. TV Asahi gave top play to a report on a traffic accident in Morioka, Iwate, this morning.

## INTERNATIONAL

- [Pompeo: N. Korea hiding N-facilities / Regime accused of enriching uranium](#) (The Japan News)
- [Japan eyes launch of panel to promote exchanges with S. Korea](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Japan's 'plutonium exception' under fire as nuclear pact extended](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)

## ECONOMY

- [U.S.-China trade friction to put Japanese firms on the back foot](#) (Sankei)
- [U.S. hails lifting of Japan ban on American sheep, goat meat imports](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Japan companies board the Belt and Road train](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Mitsubishi jet makes airshow debut ahead of dogfight with giants](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Editorial: Japan should end nuke fuel recycling plan, admit failure](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)
- [Port of Yokohama on the move to become an LNG bunkering hub](#) (Kanagawa Shimbun)
- [Editorial: Sullied state of affairs of virtual money exchanges can never be ignored](#) (The Japan News)
- [Number of nonregular workers in Japan hits record high in 2017](#) (Kyodo News)

- [Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University to launch “Deguchi Juku” program to support students’ startups](#) (Sankei)

## POLITICS

### **Ruling, opposition lawmakers debate government assistance to disaster victims**

On NHK’s “Nichiyō Toron” Sunday debate show, senior Upper House lawmakers from the ruling and opposition parties discussed government assistance to people who were hit hard by Japan’s worst flood disaster in decades. The opposition panelists criticized the Abe administration, saying its support for the victims was insufficient. The opposition lawmakers also insisted that the ruling coalition is giving priority to deliberations of bills on integrated resorts and election system reform over discussions on disaster relief.

- [Prime minister’s schedule on July 13, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister’s schedule on July 14, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister’s schedule on July 15, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister’s schedule on July 16, 2018](#) (Nikkei)
- [List of politicians who allegedly received donations from lobbyist for U.S. casino operator](#) (Shukan Bunshun)
- [Last week of Diet session to process casino resort, passive smoking, Upper House reform bills](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Abe to announce candidacy for LDP leadership race in Aug.](#) (Kyodo News)
- [LDP calls for more spending to make Japan resistant to disasters](#) (Jiji Press)
- [CDPJ beefing up agricultural policies to win rural votes in Upper House election](#) (Yomiuri)
- [DPFP losing its regional members](#) (Sankei)
- [Koizumi joins hands with Ozawa to dismantle N-plants](#) (The Japan News)

## OPINION POLLS

- [76% say no need to pass casino bill, Asahi poll](#) (Asahi)
- [32% approve of cabinet’s response to flooding disaster, Asahi poll](#) (Asahi)
- [Cabinet support rate tops among those who rely on SNS for news, Asahi poll](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)
- [Opinion poll & results from Asahi Shimbun](#) (Asahi)
- [Cabinet support rate edges up to 37%; 50% say Abe’s handling of scandals “deserves no-confidence resolution,” Jiji Press poll](#) (Jiji)
- [50% opposed to adding six seats to Upper House; 60% opposed to casino bill, Jiji Press poll](#) (Jiji)

## SCIENCE

### **“The Great Journey” – Part 3: Homo Sapiens arrives in Japan**

Sunday’s “NHK Special” aired the third and final part of a three-part series focusing on the journey of Homo Sapiens, which left Africa about 80,000 years ago and spread around the world. The program looked into how Homo Sapiens arrived in Japan after overcoming many obstacles, saying that modern man probably sailed in hand-made boats from Taiwan to Yonaguni Island or traveled from

Siberia to Hokkaido, inventing sewing needles from animal bone to produce warm clothing as protection from the cold.

- [Kyoto named as venue for next year's meeting of U.N. climate panel](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Japan looks to pioneer carbon transport by sea](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)

#### EDUCATION

- [Japan plans to launch advanced placement system in high schools](#) (The Japan Times)

#### SOCIETY

- [Poverty in Japan: Underclass struggles to achieve upward mobility](#) (The Japan Times)
- [Joint custody eyed for divorced couples](#) (The Japan News)
- [Editorial: Population of 100 million in 50 years a fantasy requiring a shift in thinking](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Ratio of working women jumps to record in Japan, Internal Affairs Ministry survey](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Tightened regulations against "JK business" spur compensated dating services](#) (Sankei)

#### SECURITY

- [Lockheed Martin seen leading race to develop F-2's successor](#) (The Japan News)

#### OKINAWA LOCAL PRESS

- [Okinawa gov't OKs coral transplant](#) (Ryukyu Shimpo)