



The Weekly Observer

July 11-15

YOUR WEEKLY RECAP OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPAN!

THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

Landslide Victory for the LDP

On Sunday, the **LDP-Komeito** ruling coalition captured a majority of the seats up for election in the **Upper House**.

The LDP won **63 seats** on its own. The coalition now holds **146 of the 248 seats** in the Upper House. **Pro-amendment forces**, including the **Japan Innovation Party**, which doubled its seats, maintained a supermajority.

Turnout was **52.05 percent**, 3.25 points higher than 2019. The **ratio of women among all winners** increased 5.4 points to **28 percent**. The LDP fielded the most winning female candidates.

The LDP went **28-4** in SMDs and captured seats in all **13 MMDs**. In contrast, the **CDP lost six seats**, down to **17**, the **lowest historically** among main opposition parties.

Abe's Funeral Held

Former Prime Minister Abe's funeral was held on Tuesday at **Zojo-ji Temple**, attended by political figures such as Prime Minister **Kishida Fumio**, business leaders and foreign dignitaries.

After the funeral, the car carrying Abe's coffin drove around **Nagatacho**, from the **LDP headquarters to the Kantei to the Diet**, in memory of the places Abe spent most of his career.

PM Outlines Policy Plans

At a press conference on Thursday, Kishida outlined policies he intends to push forth following the electoral victory. The GOJ will bolster testing but **will not impose new restrictions on movement**. The GOJ also plans to restart **10** thermal power plants and **9** nuclear power plants to deal with **energy concerns**.

Cabinet Approval



65% (+1 pts.)

24% (-2 pts.)

[NNN/Yomiuri](#), July 12

COVID-19 Cases (NHK, July 15)

Total Cases: 10.12 million

Total Deaths: 31,565

Daily (Japan): 103,311 (+53,208)

7-Day Ave.: 73,968 (+38,959)
(2.11x from last week)

Deaths: 31

Daily (Tokyo): 19,059 (+10,282)

7-Day Ave.: 12,791 (+6,916)
(2.18x from last week)

Vaccination Progress (July 15)

First dose: 82.0% (+0.1%)

Second dose: 80.9%

Third dose: 62.3% (+0.2%)