



The Weekly Observer

Sept. 5-9

YOUR WEEKLY RECAP OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPAN!

THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

Japan-India "2+2" Meeting

On Thursday, the **foreign and defense ministers of Japan and India** met for the second "2+2" meeting between the two sides.

The ministers reaffirmed their commitment to a **rules-based global order** that respects sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations and emphasized the need for all countries to **seek peaceful resolution of disputes**.

The ministers highlighted their commitment to **FOIP**. They also agreed to continue **bilateral exercises** and expand bilateral cooperation in the areas of **defense equipment and technology cooperation**.

PM Announces Additional Measures to Combat Inflation

On Friday, **Prime Minister Kishida** announced that the GOJ

will: 1) set aside **¥3 trillion+** to finance policies; 2) provide **¥50,000 handouts** to low-income households; 3) continue **subsidies to maintain gas prices** until the end of the year; 4) provide **¥600 billion** to local governments to support households and businesses; 5) maintain selling price of **imported wheat**; and 6) **control feed costs** for farmers.

Kishida also announced Thursday that the GOJ will compile a **comprehensive economic policy package** in October.

LDP Report Reveals 179 Lawmakers' Ties to UC

On Thursday, the LDP released a report on **ties between lawmakers and the Unification Church**. Of the 379 lawmakers who submitted self-reports, **179** had some form of ties, while **121** had "**deeper ties**" and had their names publicly released.

Cabinet Approval



50% (-1 pt.)

41% (+7 pts.)

Yomiuri (Sept. 5)

COVID-19 Cases (NHK, Sept. 8)

Total Cases: 19.90 million

Total Deaths: 42,114

Daily (Japan): 112,404 (-10,696)

7-Day Ave.: 111,706 (-27,958)

(0.71x from last week)

Deaths: 227 (-61)

Daily (Tokyo): 10,640 (-1,921)

7-Day Ave.: 10,800 (-2,741)

(0.72x from last week)

Vaccination Progress (Sept. 8)

First dose: 81.5%

Second dose: 80.4%

Third dose: 64.9% (+0.1%)