



# The Weekly Observer

Oct. 10-14

YOUR WEEKLY RECAP OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN JAPAN!

THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

## G7 Leaders Condemn Russian Missile Attacks in Ukraine

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Kishida Fumio participated in an online G7 summit joined by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

In the joint statement, the leaders condemn Russia's attack against civilian infrastructure and cities across Ukraine in the strongest possible terms and hold Putin accountable for indiscriminate attacks on innocent civilians, which constitute a war crime.

Kishida stated that Russia's illegal annexation of four provinces violates Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and cannot be accepted.

## North Korea Launches Missiles

On Friday, North Korea launched at least one ballistic missile

eastward. The missile flew at a maximum altitude of 50 km and distance of 650 km, landing in the Sea of Japan outside the EEZ.

Defense Minister Hamada Yasukazu said Thursday that it appears the DPRK has realized the miniaturization of nuclear warheads. DPRK also launched two ballistic missiles on Sunday.

## Kishida-Yamaguchi Summit

On Friday, Kishida held a meeting with Komeito leader Yamaguchi Natsuo and agreed to reduce the burden imposed on consumers by rising electricity bill costs.

Kishida stated that financial support will correspond to the average increase in burden expected from the increase in electricity bills in spring 2023. The GOJ aims to begin the program as soon as the end of January.

## Cabinet Approval



38% (-2 pts.)

43% (+3 pts.)

NHK (Oct. 11)

## COVID-19 Cases (NHK, Oct. 14)

Total Cases: 21.63 million

Total Deaths: 45,756

Daily (Japan): 36,605 (+9,820)

7-Day Ave.: 29,077 (-2,905)

(0.91x from last week)

Deaths: 63 (-20)

Daily (Tokyo): 3,495 (+479)

7-Day Ave.: 2,907 (-359)

(0.89x from last week)

## Vaccination Progress (Oct. 14)

First dose: 81.4% (-0.1%)

Second dose: 80.4%

Third dose: 65.6% (+0.1%)