

## Japan Weekly (16.02.26-21.02.26)



### **1** Economy

- Subdued quarterly GDP growth
- Automakers post net losses
- Yen-driven input inflation
- AI-commerce platform integration

### **3** Foreign Politics

- Indo-Pacific strategy recalibration
- China militarism rhetoric dispute
- TikTok copyright investigation
- AI talent development pact
- Cultural heritage funding support

### **2** Politics

- Nuclear power supply resumption
- Large-scale data breach exposure
- Cabinet fiscal-security agenda

### **4** Defence

- Tighter lethal export controls
- Selective export scope expansion
- Japan-Australia defence core alignment
- Senkaku prolonged maritime standoff



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Sr. No.	Date	Sector	News Headline	Source
1.	16/2/26	Foreign Politics	Japan Moves to Strengthen Europe Ties at Munich Security Conference as China Exploits U.S.-Europe Divide - The Japan News	Japannews yomiuri
2.	16/2/26	Foreign Politics	Japan to strengthen Indo-Pacific strategy amid 'new challenges' - The Japan Times	JapanTimes
3.	16/2/26	Foreign Politics	China's top diplomat warns Japan of	JapanTimes

			'ghosts of militarism' in rebuke of Takaichi -The Japan Times	
4.	15/2/26	Foreign Politics	Japanese government strengthens support for Indonesian remote islands, South China Sea, China check: Jiji.com	Jiji
5.	14/2/26	Foreign Politics	Japan-U.S. foreign ministers hold talks in Munich to coordinate for March summit: Jiji.com	Jiji
6.	14/2/26	Foreign Politics	Japan Launches Probe into China's Tiktok Operator over Copyright Violations; Videos Featured AI-Generated Takaichi, Detective Conan, Ultraman - The Japan News	Japannews yomiuri
7.	17/02/26	Foreign Politics	Takaichi reiterates willingness to meet with North Korean leader - The Japan Times	JapanTimes
8.	19/02/26	Foreign Politics	Deepening Japan-U.S. cooperation on economic security: 84 trillion yen investment and loan begins: Jiji.com	Jiji
9.	17/02/26	Foreign Politics	Japan and India sign memorandum on domestic AI development, human resources utilization, business creation: Jiji.com	Jiji

10.	18/02/26	Foreign Politics	Government to donate approximately 1.378 billion yen to UNESCO to support Ukraine and other countries   NHK News   Historical and cultural properties, Takauchi Cabinet, Israel and Palestine	NHK
11.	18/02/26	Foreign Politics	Director of the National Security Agency will visit the US tomorrow to meet with Secretary of State Rubio   NHK News   Security, Japan-US Summit, Takauchi Cabinet	NHK

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1.	16/2/26	Economy/T rade	Japan's GDP falls below estimates in fourth quarter with 0.2% increase - The Japan Times	Japantimes
2.	16/2/26	Economy/T rade	Takaichi to Hold First Meeting with BOJ Chief Ueda Since Election Win - The Japan News	Japannews yomiuri
3.	16/2/26	Economy/T rade	Three major domestic automakers end up in the red after nine months of	nhk

			financial results   NHK News   Automobiles, financial results, America	
4.	16/2/26	Economy/T rade	Toyota moves forward with reimporting US-produced vehicles; Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism establishes new system to simplify safety inspections - Nihon Keizai Shimbun	Nikkei
5.	16/2/26	Economy/T rade	Wholesale prices for soybean oil used in mayonnaise hit the highest in three years, reflecting the weaker yen and higher raw material prices - Nihon Keizai Shimbun	Nikkei
6.	18/02/26	Economy/T rade	Japan convenience store chain Lawson to branch out into India - The Japan Times	JapanTimes
7.	18/02/26	Economy/T rade	IMF urges Japan to avoid lowering consumption tax	KyodoNews
8.	19/02/26	Economy/T rade	Rakuten and Google partner to send customers from YouTube to Rakuten Market -Nihon Keizai Shimbun	Nikkei
9.	18/02/26	Economy/T rade	Kagawa Prefecture and NVIDIA are the	Mainichi

			first local government in Japan to enter into a partnership agreement to utilize AI   Mainichi Shimbun	
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1.	15/2/26	Defence	Japan to Strictly Control Exports of Lethal Defense Equipment While Mulling Expanding Exports' Range - The Japan News	Japannews yomiuri
2.	15/2/26	Defence	Japan-Australia Defense Ministers Meeting Japan and Australia agree to promote cooperation as the core of like-minded cooperation   NHK News   Security, Australia, and the Indo-Pacific situation	nhk
3.	19/02/26	Defence	Two Chinese ships belonging to the Japan Coast Guard near the Senkaku Islands, both equipped with machine guns, for 97 consecutive days - Sankei News	Sankei

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1.	16/2/26	Politics	Liberal Democratic Party appoints former Justice Minister Mori as Speaker of the House of	Jiji

			Representatives: Jiji.com	
2.	16/2/26	Politics	TEPCO supplies power from nuclear power plant for the first time in 14 years from Kashiwazaki-Kariwa to the Tokyo metropolitan area   Mainichi Shimbun	Mainichi
3.	19/2/26	Politics	Kei Uno, 170,000 pieces of personal information may have been leaked due to unauthorized access: Jiji.com	Jiji
4.	19/2/26	Politics	Cyber IIattack on Advantest - Possibility of ransomware: Jiji.com	Jiji
5.	18/2/26	Politics	Over 110,000 pieces of personal information leaked confirmed by cyber attack -Asahi GHD: Jiji.com	Jiji
6.	19/2/26	Politics	2nd Takauchi Cabinet begins full-scale with aggressive fiscal policy and efforts to strengthen security; Vice-ministers and parliamentary vice-ministers selected -  Sankei News	Sankei

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1.	15/2/26	Society	Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare reorganizes to accelerate Maina insurance cards, electronic medical records, and medical DX; top position becomes director-general level - Nihon Keizai Shimbun	Nikkei
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**Japan's Economic Indicators this week:**

