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MEIJ Monthly Report (June 2018)

1. MEIJ's Events

(1) Top Meetings

Report on the G7 Summit

- Date: Tuesday, June 19
- Venue: Hotel Okura Tokyo
- Speaker: Deputy-Minister for Foreign Affairs Kazuyuki Yamazaki
- Summary: Mr. Yamazaki provided an evaluation of the G7 Summit (June 8-9) and explained the attitudes of the participating states in relation to world economy, trade, innovation, foreign policies and national security, climate change and marine policies.



(2) Seminars

Middle East Peace Process in Crisis: Where is it going?

- Date: Thursday, June 7
- Venue: Tokyo Satellite Campus, Doshisha Univ.
- Speaker: MEIJ Visiting Research Fellow Chie Ezaki, Professor at National Defense Academy, School of Humanities and Social sciences, Department of International Relations
- Summary: Ms. Ezaki highlighted some features of Trump administration's attitude towards Middle East peace. Mr. Trump emphasizes the role of the Arab states surrounding Palestine over direct negotiation with Palestine; A shared recognition of Iran as a 'common enemy' between Israel and Gulf states paralleling US foreign policy may result in promotion of regional peace; Palestine's disappointment towards Mr. Trump has led 1) Mr. Abbas to strengthen his involvement



with the international community and 2) to the shrinking of moderate political factions within the Palestinian society.

(3) Others

Dialogue with Multinational Force and Observers Director General Robert Beecroft and Director General's Rep. Bradley Lynch (June 7, at MEIJ office, with MEIJ Vice President Kiyoshi Asako, Research Fellow Misa Kanaya, and Cooperative Research Fellow Isamu Nakashima)

2. MEIJ's Activities

(1) *Middle East Topics* (Members only)

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1. Iraq: Confusion Following the Parliamentary Election
2. Saudi Arabia: State-led Social Reforms
3. Turkey: Presidential and Parliamentary Elections
4. Palestine: "Internationalization" of Criticisms towards Israel and the New US-led Peace Deal

*Refer to our website for details.

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(2) *Radical Islamists Monitor*

(Members only)

No. 6 "Afghanistan: What Happened During the Post-Ramadan 'Ceasefire'" (June 19)

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(3) *CHUTO KAWARABAN*

No. 26 "Syria: Recognition of Abkhazia and South Ossetia" (June 1, Chief Research Fellow Yutaka Takaoka)

No.27 "Saudi Arabia: Installation of Ministry of Culture and Information and

Cabinet Reform" (June 6, Research Fellow Misa Kanaya)

No. 28 "Afghanistan: Feasibility of Post-Ramadan Ceasefire" (June 11, Takaoka)

No. 29 "Egypt: Rising Public Utility Rates – Metro, Water, and Electricity" (June 13, Kanaya)

No. 30 "Yemen: Coalition Forces Launch Attacks to al-Hudaydah" (June 15, Takaoka)

No. 31 "Jordan: Omar Razzaz's Cabinet Formed After Protests to the Income Tax Bill" (June 19, Research Fellow Kohei Nishidate)

No. 32 "Egypt: Formation Madbouly's Cabinet" (June 19, Kanaya)

No. 33 "Egypt: Rising Fuel Prices" (June 22, Kanaya)

No. 34 "Turkey: Presidential and Parliamentary Elections" (June 25, Research Fellow Mayu Kaneko)

No. 35 "Iran: Demonstrations Following Depreciation of Iranian Rial" (June 28, Nishidate)

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3. Others

(1) Exchange Visits of Dignitaries

Tuesday, June 26: Foreign Minister Kono met with Palestine's Foreign and Immigration Minister Riyad al-Maliki during the Third Conference on Cooperation among East Asian Countries for Palestinian Development (CEAPAD). Mr. Kono stated that Japan would continue its support for the Palestinian refugees through UNRWA and for Palestine's ICT development. They exchanged views on Middle East peace.