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1. There is a movement among conservative political circles to boost KAYA Okinori, former Finance Minister, to a position of leadership in the Liberal-Democratic Party.¹
2. X HAYASHI Joji has retired into the background as far as his chances for leadership are concerned.²

Field Comments

1. See FJB-2616 from a different source for similar information on the possible political rise of KAYA.
2. For previous reports on HAYASHI's political aspirations and maneuvers, see FJB-2565, FJB-2662 and FJB-2665.

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