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(SBU) Japanese Foreign Minister Maehara told a news conference he would resign following criticism he accepted political donations from a Korean national, media report. Embassy Tokyo comments Maehara had been mentioned previously as a possible successor to Prime Minister Kan.

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