Japan’s Abe Seeks to Burnish Legacy Ahead of Election

TOKYO - Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will be heavily campaigning for his Liberal Democratic Party in the upcoming lower house election, it is understood. The LDP aims to win a majority, and Abe will be actively soliciting votes for his party. The LDP’s campaign has focused on economic policies such as fiscal stimulus and structural reform. Abe’s affinity for the United States is also expected to be a key factor in the election, as the relationship between the two countries is seen as crucial for Japan’s security. The election is set for July 21, and it will be the first test of Abe’s leadership since he launched the “Abenomics” policies in November 2012.