

criteria to use when determining the employment status of entertainers. That directive said that if all four of the following conditions are met, then the person is a private contractor, but rōdōsha status is recognized if the entertainer fails to fulfill even one criterion.

means that both popular and not-so-popular members would have a strong case for claiming rōdōsha status.

AKB group members are perpetually embroiled in intense competition, vying for rank and center stage. They switch position in a manner similar to how

in Japan's legal history to illustrate important principles in labor law. This month's column has been rescheduled due to a World Cup special on Thursday. Your comments and story ideas: community@japantimes.co.jp

Tokyo. A summary of the final report is expected to be released to the public in the autumn.

The announcement from ASIJ comes in the wake of repeated demands from alumni that the school come clean about what it knew of Moyer's abuse.

would overlook the possible abuse of Japanese children by Moyer. The serial pedophile is believed to have worked with Japanese schoolchildren between the mid-1980s and 2003.

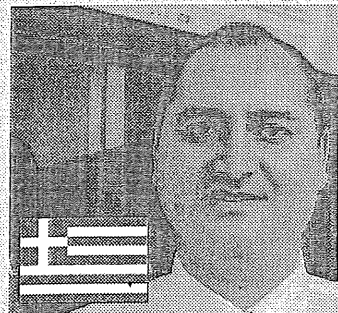
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VIEWS FROM THE STREET: TOKYO

Mark Buckton interviews natives of the 32 countries that have qualified for the FIFA World Cup about their teams' chances. You can check out videos of the interviews on the JT website. Send your comments to community@japantimes.co.jp.



Marios Mathioudakis
Head of economic
and commercial affairs,
Embassy of Greece

Who is Greece's man to watch?

I think Kostas Mitroglou, a very famous attacker. He used to play for Olympiacos until January, and then he moved to Fulham on one of the most expensive

transfers in the history of Greek football. He was the top scorer at Olympiacos, but due to injury he has not played at Fulham yet.

How far do you expect Greece and Japan to get?

Nobody can say for sure, but I think both teams will proceed to the next round. Generally, all the teams in Group C have the same chance. Many Greek players play overseas now in England, Scotland, Germany and, particularly, Italy.

I think we can both get to the round of 16, but from then on it's very hard to say, as we don't know which other teams will also go through. But I hope to see both Greece and Japan in the final rounds. As you may know, according to FIFA, in 2014, Greece are ranked 10th in the world.

As for Japan, they have a very good team, with world-famous players such as Shinji Kagawa of Manchester United and Keisuke Honda from AC Milan. Also, as with Greece, many players play overseas, have a lot of experience, energy and discipline, and overall they are a good team.

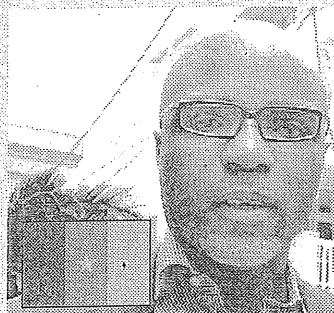
Which game are you most looking forward to?

Of course, Greece against Japan, because we live and

work in Japan, so it holds special interest for us. It will also be nice to watch with our Japanese friends. Also, Germany vs. Portugal, mainly because Germany is also a strong team, and Portugal have such power in their team, fielding many stars, like Ronaldo.

Who do you expect to win, and which dark horses could upset their plans?

I think Brazil, as the host, will be the winner. As a dark horse, Colombia, because they have an excellent forward line, and we must not forget they beat Bolivia 5-0 during qualifying.



Serge Edongo
Media consultant, 42
(Cameroonian)

Who is Cameroon's man to watch?

Well, certainly Samuel Eto'o. Probably for him, he's in the best condition to participate in the World Cup since in the team they had in 2002. He's basically at the end of his

career, although he says he's going to play in the next three World Cups. He doesn't have many opportunities left to show what he can bring to the country, and the World Cup will certainly be the greatest opportunity.

How far do you expect Cameroon and Japan to go?

For Cameroon it's going to be a very complicated World Cup. They have to play Mexico, Brazil, Croatia. It's a World Cup in South America, so that's definitely the best asset that these two teams (Mexico and Brazil) have, when you have all these supporters. It's going to be very tough. I hope we can do what we did in 1990, where people didn't expect much from Cameroon. Now, passing the first round will be good, and then what they are going to do in the second group will depend on the spirit they will have had.

I'm more optimistic about Japan. I think that they're very good at taking advantage of the mistakes of other teams. They might be weak in terms of defense but they might have a surprise — a better surprise maybe than even the last World Cup in South Africa.

Which game are you most looking forward to?

Well, certainly Brazil vs.

Cameroon, just for the love of the game. The fact that it is going to be in Brasilia, that we are going to play Brazil, that I am coming from Cameroon — it's going to be a great celebration, great music, great atmosphere.

Who do you expect to win, and which dark horses could upset their plans?

I'm supporting Brazil and I would not be disappointed to see Argentina instead, but having a South American team win would be great, for a change.

As for the dark horse, I would've thought Belgium, but I don't really know — hopefully Cameroon!



Mustapha Mokrane
Executive director, 37
(Algerian)

Who is Algeria's man to watch?

Definitely one of the ones to watch is the player who made Algeria qualify for

the World Cup — the captain, Madjid Bougherra.

How far do you expect Algeria and Japan to get?

The Algerian team is an outsider, I guess, at the World Cup. They only just qualified, so if they can make it out of their group, I think that would already be an achievement.

For Japan, again, it is probably not one of the strongest teams in the World Cup, so if they can also make it beyond the first stage, it would already be a big thing — so yeah, I'm not setting the bar very high.

Which game are you most looking forward to?

OK, this would be completely imaginary, of course, but a game I would really love to see a replay of (the 1998 final, with) Brazil against France.

Who do you expect to win, and which dark horses could upset their plans?

Since I would like to see France and Brazil playing again, maybe I would like to see them playing again in the final. So, I would say the winner would be Brazil this time. And for a dark horse, let's bet on a very strong team: Although I'm not sure about their recent performances, let's say Germany.



Carlos Mendoza
First secretary, Embassy of
Honduras, 30

Who is Honduras' man to watch?

There are many men to watch. Roger Rojas is one of the best young players. We have Carlo Costly — the son of another Honduras player, from our first team to go to a World Cup, in 1982 — and we have some brothers (Wilson and Jerry Palacios) that play in the national team and are playing internationally, and we have many good players at the moment. We hope they'll pass on their knowledge to the next generation.

How far do you expect Honduras and Japan to get?

Well, Honduras has never won a game in the World Cup, but the new manager of the team says he doesn't just want to go to participate, but to at least go to the second round, and that's the main goal right

now — he wants to go all the way to the final.

Japan is considered one of the countries that has seen very big growth in football since the previous World Cup, and I'm sure they're going to have some pretty interesting games, and they're going to go to the second round at least.

Which game are you most looking forward to?

Our first game is going to be the most difficult and it's the one that I want to see — against France — and the other one against Ecuador would be a very good game because we can see it with some delegates from Ecuador, who are our friends, and have a good time together.

Who do you expect to win, and which dark horses could upset their plans?

I think that Brazil has a very good chance, being the home team, but Argentina still has something to say about it, in my opinion. England, too, has a very good team at the moment, and I'm still not sure if Spain can keep its crown yet, so it has to be seen in the games.

Dark horse? Actually, we, Honduras, want to be seen to be the underdogs, so maybe we can just keep on putting up a fight and maybe even win it — that's our wish.

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TOKYO

Lakeland College will hold a free lecture (in English) on Wed., June 11, at 7 p.m.: "Greenpeace's Journey

For a Green and Peaceful Earth," presented by Magali Reyes Henkel, COO of Greenpeace Japan. Open to the public and free of charge. For directions to the campus in Shinjuku, see <http://lcl.lakeland.edu/lakeland-lectures> or phone 03-3225-0425

SHARED INTERESTS

KANAGAWA

Edo's Golf and BBQ Competition is held on Sat., July 12. The competition takes place at Kanagawa

Country Club (6077-1 Makino, Midori-ku, Sagami-hara-shi). Eighty participants are invited to foster international friendships through golf. The fee is ¥22,000, which includes play fee, cart (no caddy), lunch (no drinks) and BBQ dinner party, including Chilean food, chorizos, various meats, red and white wine, beer and soft drinks. Prizes will be given out for champions (1st to 3rd) in various competitions. Check-in is at 8 a.m. and the competition starts at 8:53 a.m. Dinner party runs from 4-6:30 p.m. with music and performances. For registration and inquiries, contact Eduardo Ferrada at edojapon1@gmail.com or call 080-4345-2056

TOKYO

Saturday Lunch with Shakespeare: The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan's popular series continues on June 14, 12-3:45 p.m., with "Love's Labour's Lost," a charming love story of four young couples whose happy courtships are abruptly interrupted. It will be introduced by Angela Davenport, Anglo-Japanese lecturer at Tokyo Women's Christian University and the University of Tokyo. Tickets for lunch and BBC film are ¥2,000 per person, and a cash bar is available. Please make reservations at the FCCJ

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Tokyo Book Group is a casual discussion of mostly fiction, held in Shibuya once a month. Adults of all ages welcome. Discussion will be based on "The Age of Innocence" (Sun., June 15) by Edith Wharton, on NYC high society. For further information, please email jeffdj@yahoo.com

A Capella Motets from the 16th Century: Tokyo Chamber Singers perform sacred pieces by Spanish composer Tomas Luis da Victoria at Franciscan Chapel Center, Roppongi, on Sun., June 15, at 4:30 p.m. Free entry. See www.bec.ac