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Summary: Japanese companies including Honda, Nippon Steel, and ANA Holdings have granted workers their biggest pay rise in more than three decades, underlining the inflationary trend and bolstering the case for the Bank of Japan to begin raising interest rates. Galvanised by the sharp rise in living costs and a deepening labour shortage, the country's trade unions have negotiated an increase in wages that is certain to exceed the rate of inflation, marking a milestone in a country where real wages have stagnated since the late 1990s. With the shunto spring wage negotiations mostly concluding on Wednesday, economists expect large companies to give their unionised workers an average wage increase of more than 4%, compared with 3.6% last year. That would be the biggest rise since 1992. Nippon Steel agreed to an 11.8% increase in base salary, exceeding its trade union's request for the biggest jump in monthly pay since 1979. Related: The Wealth of Working Nations and Japan's Stock Market Is Back After 34 Years But The Country Is Deeply Changed and One in 10 Japanese Now Aged Over 80, Population Report Shows

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