English lesson #3 (15/3/2022)

【article】  
Title: “Russia faces brain drain as thousands flee abroad”

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-60697763>

【summary】

Thousands of Russian people have left their country since the start of the war.

In Georgia, which is a neighbor country of Russia, more than 25,000 Russians have arrived and have been struggling to find affordable accommodation.

Many of the new emigres are tech industry professionals.

They left country with taking their skills and money in order to express their protest against President Putin.

So, Russia faces brain drain as thousands flee abroad.

【my comments】

When I read this article, the word “brain drain” caught my eye.

Brain drain also become a big problem in Japan, not because of the war.

Many Japanese top-level researchers have left Japan to conduct research abroad because they couldn’t get enough research funds and equipment in Japan.

Mr. Manabe, who has conducted research in US and won the Nobel Prize in 2021 said at press conference that he won’t go back Japan because of lack of research environment.

It is natural for scientists to leave Japan in search for better environment for research.

I think more money should be injected in research and development in Japan.

For example, the Japanese government invests only one-sixth of the UK and one-twentieth of the US in academic societies.

【unknown words：Japanese translation】

brain drain：頭脳流出

parliament：議会、国会

heave：（重いものを）持ち上げる

parcel：小包

affordable：入手可能な

lapel：（上着・コートなどの）襟の折り返し

arrest：逮捕する

protest：抗議する

launch：発進させる、発売する

regime：政権

emigration：移住、移民

exodus：（移民の）出国

repression：抑圧、鎮圧

sanction：制裁、処罰

impose：負わせる、課する

surge：（価格が）急騰する

jail sentence：懲役刑

revolt：反乱

geopolitics：地政学

entrepreneur：起業家

rally：（政治的な）大集会

troop：軍隊、部隊

expat：国外駐在

nothing like：～に及ぶものはない

【Questions】

Q1: I couldn't understand the grammar of the sentence “However, tech entrepreneur Lev Kalashnikov thinks Georgia will benefit from what he asserts is the biggest brain drain in Russia's modern history.”

Especially, the latter part of sentences after “benefit”.

What is the subject of “is” between asserts and the biggest brain drain?