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**SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN FIND NO CHANGES IN STANCES OVER HISTORY, TRADE ROW**

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Senior officials from the South Korean and Japanese foreign ministries were not able to make progress during their talks in Seoul on Thursday, as they kept their stances unchanged after the two countries delivered blows to each other in the form of trade and military measures over Tokyo's wartime forced labor.

Kim Jung-han, Foreign Ministry director-general for Asian and Pacific affairs, met with his Japanese counterpart Kenji Kanasugi following Tokyo's official downgrading of Seoul from its list of preferred trading partners Wednesday.

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