

MCAS Futenma: Located in the **Center** of the City

~ Refocusing on the Main Agenda of the Land Return Agreement: Alleviating Danger and Burden ~



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Marine Corps Air Station Futenma has been present in its current location, the center of Ginowan City, since the end of the war 70 years ago. The air station, which consumes 25% of the total city surface area, poses a danger and daily life impairments such as noise pollution. The location of the air station is a crucial hindrance for the city's urban functions, traffic system, and overall development, disturbing the city's financial growth.

Although the land return has been agreed upon in the SACO Agreement, it has yet to be implemented and the Ginowan City residents are compelled to take on many base-specific burdens. The expeditious elimination of the dangers and burdens deriving from this air station, widely known as "the most dangerous air station in the world," has been a pressing issue for the city.

As our newest approach to the issue, 9 organizations within the city united this past fiscal year to hold a public meeting regarding the many issues and burdens deriving from MCAS Futenma. A joint statement was also submitted to the entities concerned demanding "early closure and return of MCAS Futenma," "alleviation of dangers and burdens," "relocation of MV-22 Ospreys," and "noise abatement and putting a ban on night time flight activity."

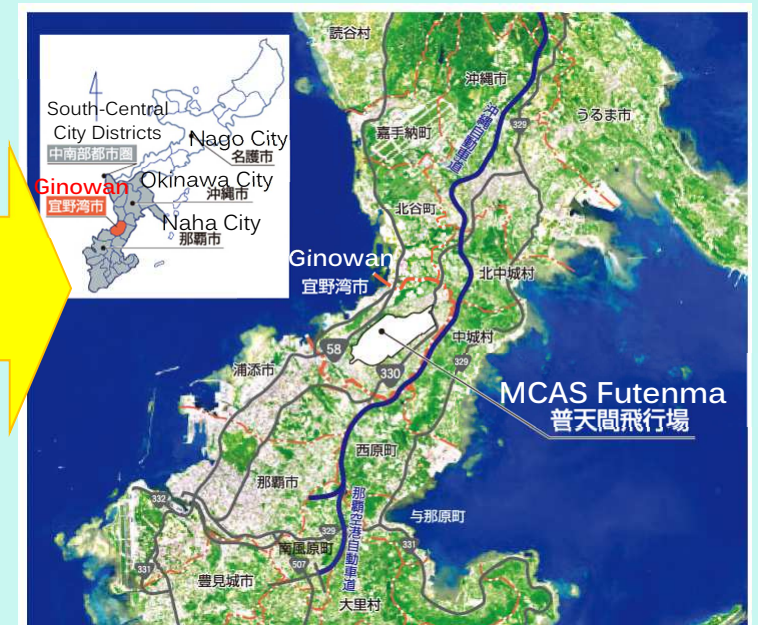
We must prevent the air station from permanently establishing itself in its current location and must refocus on the original agenda of the Land Return Agreement- "Alleviating Danger and Burden." Ginowan City intends to continue working to achieve our goals to permanently close the air station by February 2019 and to mitigate afflictions in the meantime.

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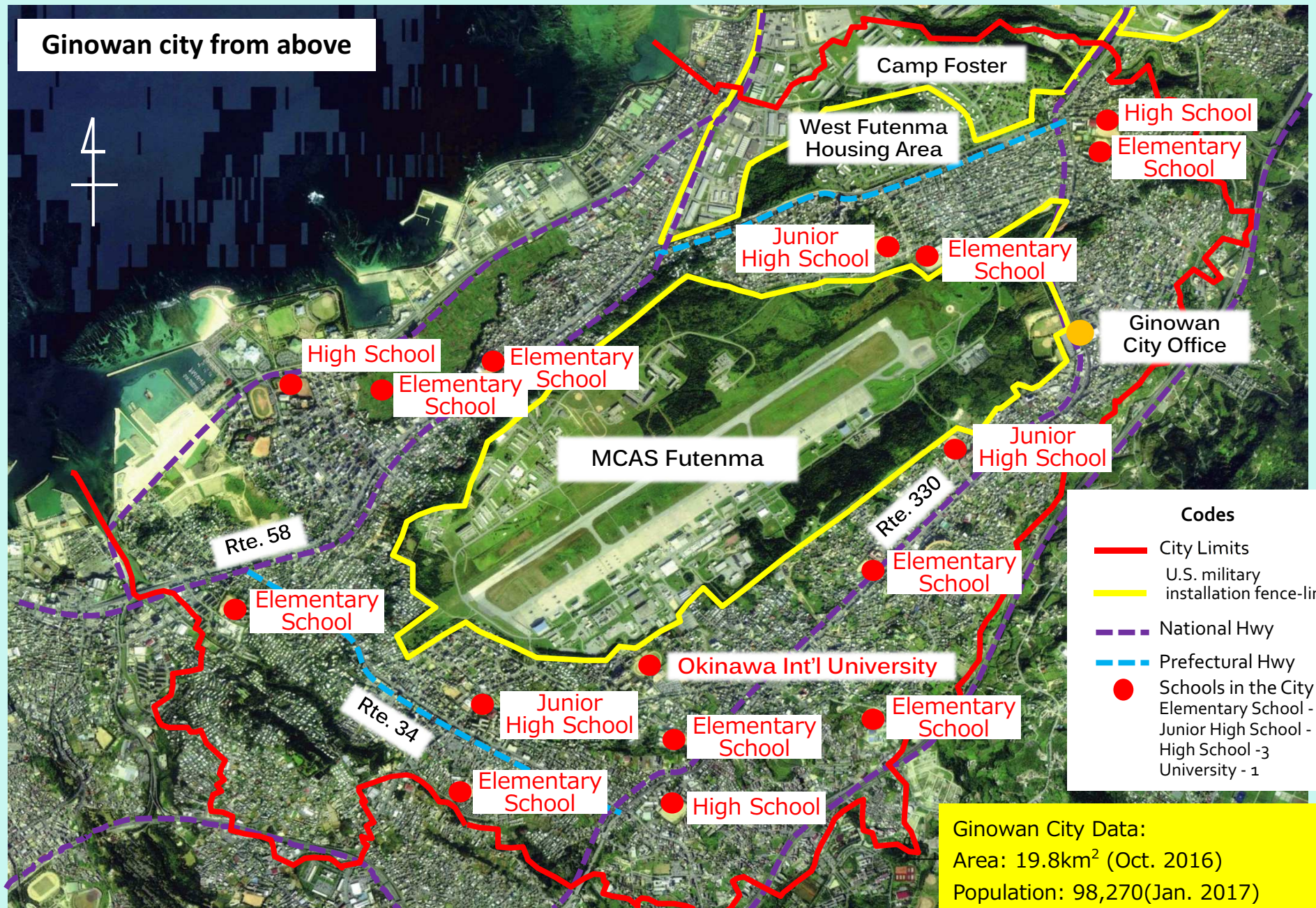
MCAS Futenma: Located in the Center of the City Greatly Affecting Daily Lives and Economy



➤ Location of Ginowan City



Ginowan city from above

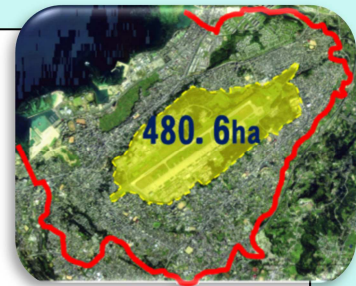


Codes	
—	City Limits
—	U.S. military installation fence-line
- - -	National Hwy
- - -	Prefectural Hwy
●	Schools in the City
	Elementary School - 9
	Junior High School - 4
	High School - 3
	University - 1

Ginowan City Data:
 Area: 19.8km² (Oct. 2016)
 Population: 98,270(Jan. 2017)
 # of Households: 42,770(Jan. 2017)

MCAS Futenma Surface Area (as of March 2017)

480.6ha



MCAS Futenma is located in the center of Ginowan City and consumes 1/4 of the city's total surface area (approx. 19.8km²). Additionally, with Camp Foster taking up another 1.059km² in the northern part of the city, approximately 30% of the total city's surface area is occupied by U.S. military installations.

City's Population Density (as of Jan. 2017)

Approx. 4,963/km²

Excluding Base Surface Area...

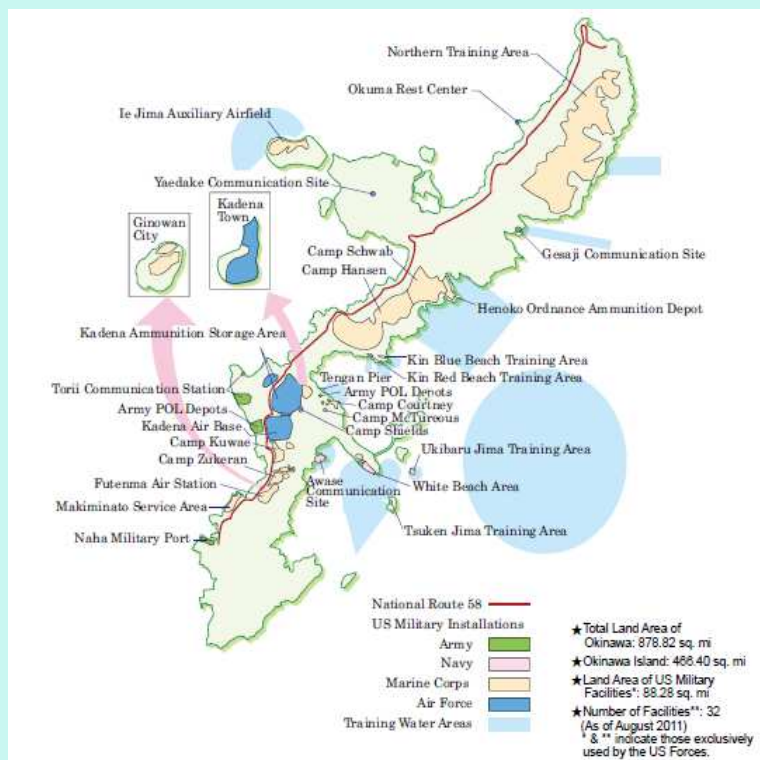
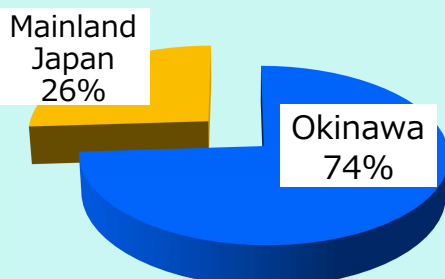
Approx. 7,054/km²



U.S. Military Facilities on Okinawa

Okinawa makes up a mere 0.6% of Japan, but **74%** of the total surface area in use by the U.S. military in Japan is located in Okinawa.

The U.S. Military in Japan



Number of Times Noise Was Detected

10,947 (Fiscal Year 2016 Ue-Ojana Dist.)



In fiscal year 2016, aircraft noise was detected 30 times in a single day by the noise-level meter located in the Ue-Ojana Area, where it is known to be one of the noisiest areas in Ginowan City. Citizens around the base are left with no option but to live under these burdensome living conditions.

Highest Recorded Noise-Level

116.7dB (Oct.19, 2016 Ue-Ojana Dist.)

Night time Noise-Level

99.7dB (22:34 Mar. 2, 2017 Ue-Ojana Dist.)



The highest recorded noise-level in fiscal year 2016 was 116.7dB- a noise-level said to be the same level that one would experience standing right next to an active aircraft engine. Moreover, although limited by U.S.-Japan agreement, night time flight activity is still vigorous.

Noise-Level	Noise-Level is equal to...
120dB	Next to an active aircraft engine
110dB	2 meters away from a automobile horn
100dB	Under a passing train
90dB	Inside an active factory

Accidents Involving MCAS Futenma Aircrafts

123 Total includes accident reports from the time of Okinawa's return to the Mainland in 1972 until February 2017.



There is an annual average of 2.7 aircraft mishaps involving aircrafts stationed at MCAS Futenma. Considering the location of the air station- in the center of a densely populated city, one accident can be catastrophic.

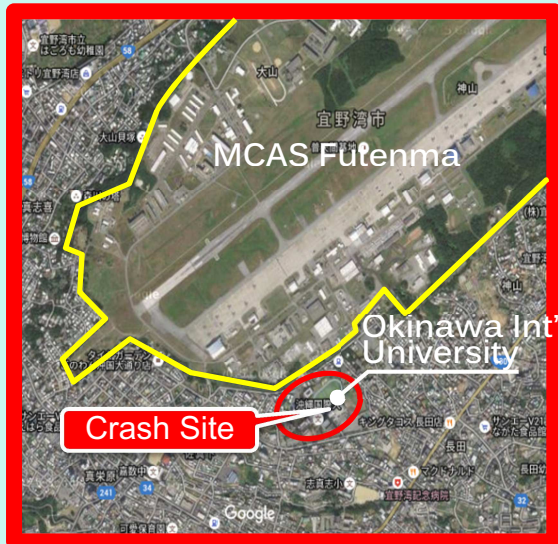
20 years since the SACO Agreement...

MCAS Futenma Land Return Stands at a Halt


Jun 1945	U.S. Forces seize land and begin construction of MCAS Futenma in preparation for the Mainland battle	
Dec 1996	Agreement to “return Futenma Air Station within the next five to seven years, after adequate replacement facilities are completed and operational” based upon SACO Final Report.	
Aug 2004	U.S. military helicopter crash at Okinawa International University	
May 2006	Agreed to make 2014 the completion goal for the MCAS Futenma relocation site under U.S.-Japan Roadmap for Realignment final report.	
Jun 2011	Revised the 2014 relocation goal and re-pledged to complete the relocation as soon as possible. (“2+2”)	
Oct 2012	Deployment of MV-22 Ospreys begins (completed Sept. 2013)	
Apr 2013	Japanese and U.S. governments agree to a new relocation goal of “2022 or later”	
Feb 2014	Okinawa governor and Ginowan City mayor petition to the Government of Japan to have the base closed and relocated within the next 5 years	
Feb 2014	The first MCAS Futenma Burden Reduction Promotion Meeting	
Aug 2014	15 KC-130's, aerial-refueling aircrafts stationed at MCAS Futenma, are relocated to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni	
Dec 2015	Simultaneous press release of Japanese and American media report pledge to expedite work to return approximately 4ha of the eastern part of MCAS Futenma.	
Jul 2017	Returned approximately 4ha of the eastern part of MCAS Futenma.	

U.S. Military Helicopter Crash at Okinawa International University

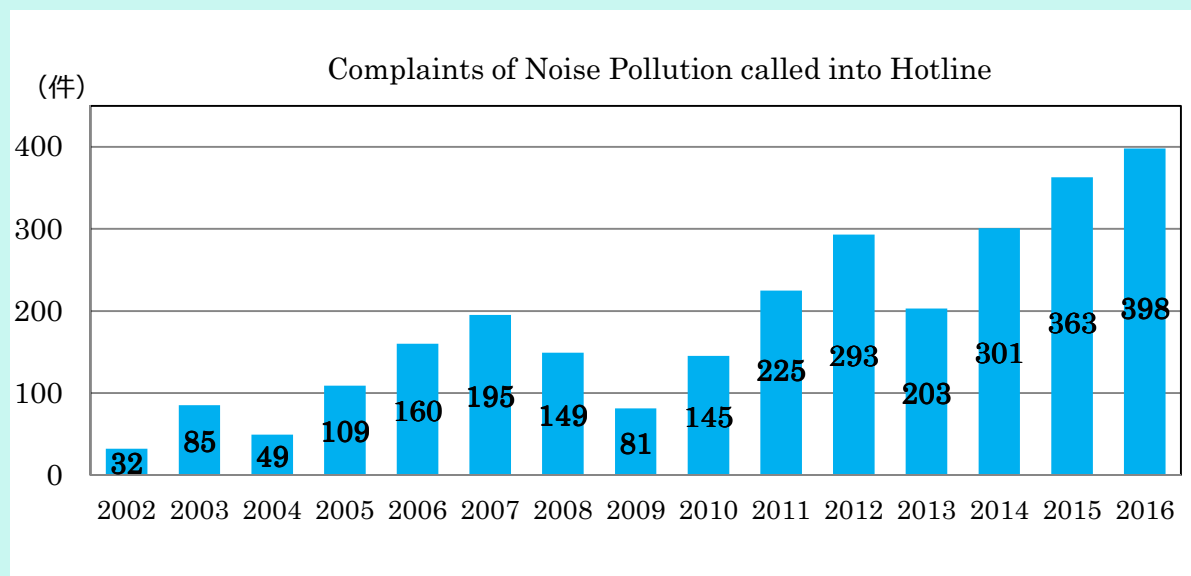
On Friday, August 13, 2004, at around 2:15PM, a CH-53D Helicopter operated out of MCAS Futenma crash landed into the main building of Okinawa International University. The helicopter went up into flames causing a major incident.



Incidents of Aircrafts operated out of MCAS Futenma (Since Dec.2016)

Dec.13 2016	MV-22 Osprey made a crash-landing on the water in Nago city	
Dec.13 2016	MV-22 Osprey faults landing gear	
Jan.11 2017	CH-53 Helicopter had mechanical failure on the landing gear	
Jan.20 2017	AH-1Z made an emergency landing in Uruma city	
Jun.1 2017	CH-53 Helicopter made a precautionary landing in Kume Island	
Jun.6 2017	MV-22 Osprey made a precautionary landing in Ie Island.	
Jun.10 2017	MV-22 Osprey a precautionary landing in Amami Airport	
Aug.5 2017	MV-22 Osprey smashed into a ship and eventually slid into the ocean off the coast in Australia.	
Aug.30 2017	MV-22 Osprey made a precautionary landing in Oita Prefecture	
Sep.29 2017	MV-22 Osprey made a precautionary landing in New Ishigaki Airport	
Oct.11 2017	CH-53 Helicopter made an emergency landing and caught fire in Higashi Village	

Multiple complaints to the Hotline Regarding Noise Pollution



Ginowan City has established a hotline to accommodate complaints made outside of our office hours.

The Hotline is an automated messaging system which staff will review the following morning and relay any messages to the mayor, U.S. military and Okinawa Defense Bureau. In the case that numerous complaints are made about the same topic, the city directly petitions to the appropriate entities.

Actual Calls (translated) Made to the Hotline

April.21, 2017 22:03 (Kakazu Resident- Male)

The Osprey descended toward the landing over my house past 22:00 again, and it went down with a low frequency explosion. They are flying past 22:00 every day lately, please stop them flying.

Jun.29, 2017 20:44 (Kyuna Resident- Male)

My children can not sleep and are very frightened because there are helicopters flying at low altitude, we are scared when they are flying at low altitudes. Please help us.

July.20, 2017 23:04 (Female)

They were still flying and it is very loud. Please do something. I can not get any rest because the noise every night. What do they think about Okinawans human rights.

Aug.25, 2017 15:57 (Nodake Resident- Male)

I can not take this loud noise anymore. I have a sick person in my house, but the Jets are flying during the day time and the Osprey are flying at night. We can not get rest even at dinner time. I can not take it anymore.

The 9 Organization Joint Statement

Upon receiving over 100 noise complaint calls in October 2015, 9 organizations within the city assembled to voice the opinions of local residents. A joint statement and petition was submitted to Japanese government and other related political parties.

Participating Organizations:

- Ginowan City
- Youth Assn.
- Head of Districts
- Women's Assn.
- Board of Education
- PTA Assn.
- Ginowan City Council
- Commerce and Industry
- Elder's Assn.



Press Conference with 9 Orgs



Petition to Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga



Petition to Minister of Defense Nakatani



Petition to Cabinet Office
Extraordinary Minister Shimajiri

4 Main Points of the Joint Statement:

1. Prevent the air station from permanently establishing itself in its current location and expedite the closure and return of base.
2. Visible measure for alleviation of danger and burdens deriving from the base
3. Relocation of MV-22 Ospreys
4. Abiding by the "Aircraft Noise Abatement Countermeasure at Futenma Air Station" agreement and discontinuation of night time flying and flight above residential

Agenda at MCAS Futenma Burden Reduction Promotion Meeting

“The MCAS Futenma Burden Reduction Promotion Meeting” which consists of the Japanese government, the Okinawa prefecture and Ginowan City is continuously being held accountable for the closure of MCAS Futenma at the earliest possible date and return of the land to solve the root cause of these arising issues, as well as realization of the agreement to cease all operation MCAS Futenma in the next 5 years and the alleviation of these risks and burdens. One of the achievements, 15 KC-130's aerial-refueling aircrafts stationed at MCAS Futenma, are relocated to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

【Main Discussion Topics】

- To cease all operations on MCAS Futenma in the next 5 years and the alleviation of the related risks and burdens.
- 12 Ospreys dispositions to be replaced from Okinawa
- Fundamental revision and addition to the status of Forces Agreement.

Besides that, discussions are underway to reduce the burden on MCAS Futenma.



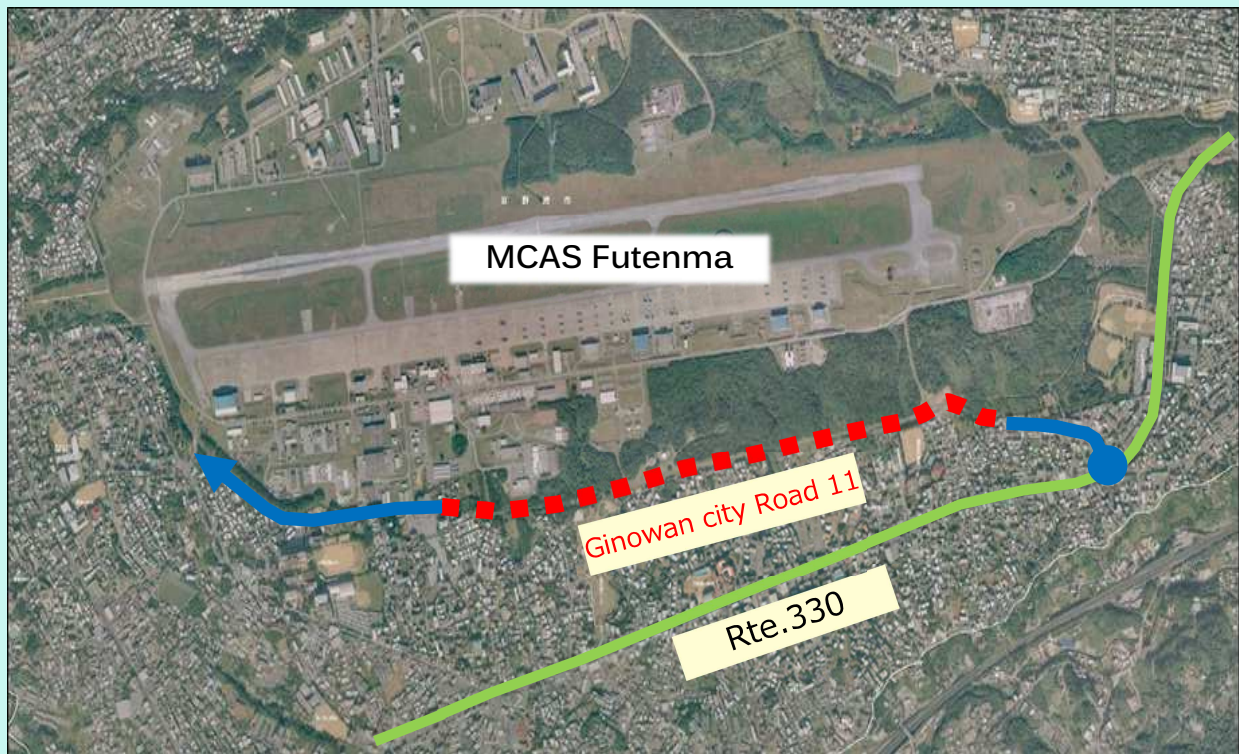
The 2016 the Ginowan City Project

As of April 2016, more than 20 years since the U.S. and Japanese governments agreed to return the MCAS Futenma land, the base continues to operate in its current location, which is the center of Ginowan City. It is widely known to have been posing dangers, risks of accidents and daily-life impairments such as noise pollution. To have a complete and full understanding, full cooperation of the U.S. government are indispensable to realize the closure and return as soon as possible the land of MCAS Futenma, which is a strong desire of the citizens. Thus, we visited the U.S. from 23rd April 2016 to the 1st May 2016 to resolve the MCAS Futenma issue as soon as possible.

4 Main points of the Joint Statement:

1. Prevent the air station from permanently establishing itself in its current location and expedite the closure and return of base.
2. Until the return of MCAS Futenma is realized, the US and Japanese Governments need to increase efforts in eliminating the dangers of MCAS Futenma to another base.
3. Relocation of the MV-22 Ospreys
4. Prohibition of all low altitude flights as well as circling over residential areas.

Returned land on the East side of Futenma Air Station



On July 2017, the East side of Futenma Air Station land (Approx. 4ha) was returned. Many local residents, Japanese governments and U.S. Military's we're in attendance for the Land Return Ceremony and Reception. The long-awaited return of the land is a step towards the future of Ginowan City and we believe that it is a guide to the full return of the land which has been planned to be returned which in turn will improve the city roads thus alleviating chronic congestion. (Start schedule 2019)



Estimated the economic impact of the Base Site for the Future

	Direct impact by Survey hundred million yen	Direct impact by economic revenue hundred million yen		
	After return of the Base Site	Before return of the Base Site	After return of the Base Site	Percentage of increased revenue
Camp Kuwae	719	40	334	735%
Camp Zukeran	1,938	109	1,061	873%
MCAS Futenma	5,027	120	3,866	3122%
Makiminato Service Area	3,143	202	2,564	1169%
Naha port	943	30	1,076	3487%
Total	11,770	501	8,901	1677%

Preparing for the land return of MCAS Futenma...

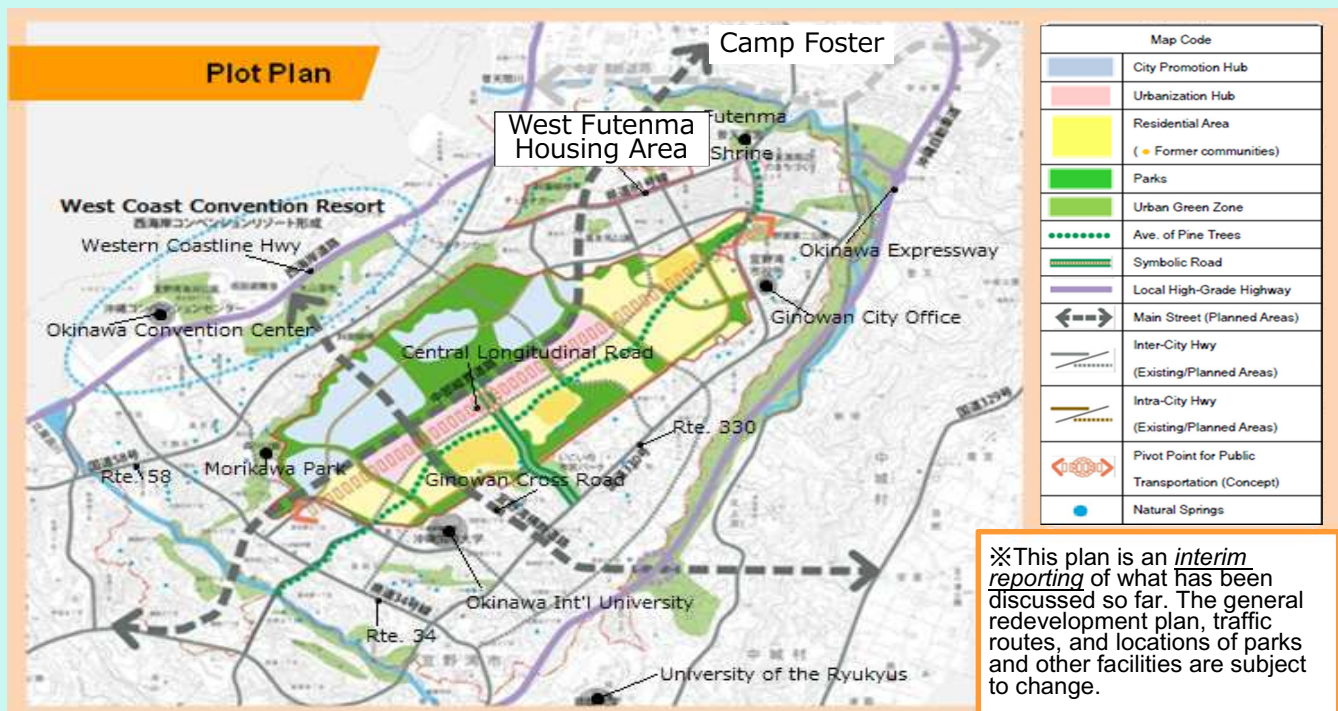


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