

# Efforts Towards MCAS Futenma Site Land Return and Mitigating the Effects of Base

The City of Ginowan continuously works to not only expedite the land return of the current MCAS Futenma site, but to mitigate the current effects and adversities which derive from the existence of the installation.

The city intends to continue to work with the Prefecture of Okinawa and its staff to accelerate the land return of the MCAS Futenma site and to petition to the Government of Japan for a more effective countermeasure for the TV signal interference caused by the aircrafts as well as the noise-pollution.

## ◆ Council for Promoting the Alleviation of the Burden of Futenma Air Station

In February 2014, Ginowan City requested for the Government of Japan to come together for a conference to discuss “the permanent closure of MCAS Futenma within the next 5 years.” On February 18, officials led by Prime Minister Abe conducted the Council for Promoting the Alleviation of the Burden of Futenma Air Station Meeting. 3 other promotional meetings and 5 additional meetings involving the task force followed. In the meeting, the “the permanent closure of MCAS Futenma within the next 5 years” and the mitigation of current adversities deriving from the base was discussed.



↑ Council for Promoting and Alleviation of the Burden of Futenma Air Station

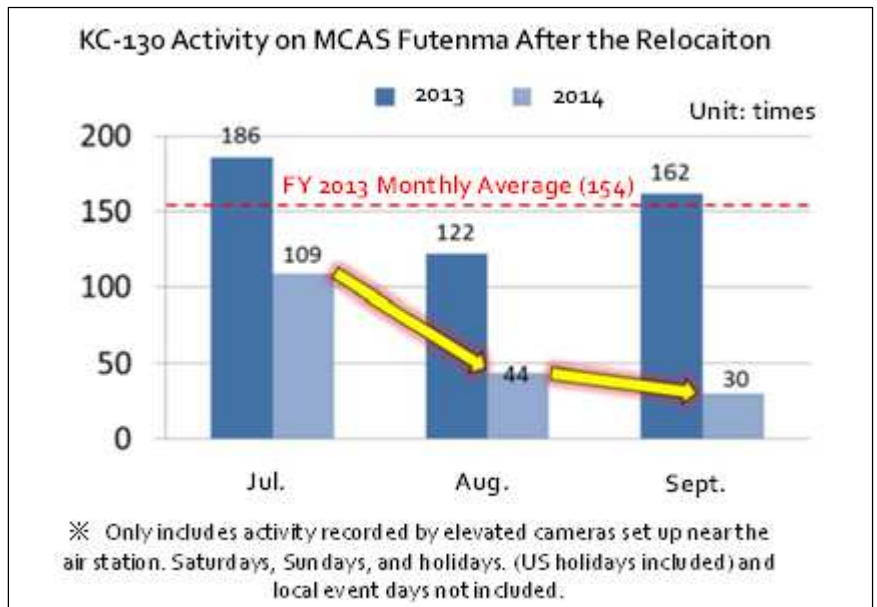
## ◆ Completion of the Iwakuni Relocation of the KC-130 Aerial Refueling Craft



↑ KC-130 Aerial Refueling Craft

As a part of the effort to alleviate the burden of MCAS Futenma on Okinawa, 15 KC-130 Aerial Refueling Crafts were relocated to operate out of Iwakuni Air Station in August 2014.

Source: Okinawa Defense Bureau Website →



The city will continue to petition the following...

- ◆ Ban outside aircrafts such as fighter jets from landing on MCAS Futenma
- ◆ Relocating Ospreys and training activity off-island
- ◆ Prevention of night time aircraft noise and training over homes