

# A Proposed Project for Studying Abroad for Middle School Students in the City to Foster Personnel who will be responsible for the Future use of the Base Site

Marine Corps Air Station Futenma has been present in its current location in center of Ginowan City. The local school students are constantly exposed to the burden of the base and noise pollution. Therefore it is critical and required to cultivate both human resources and funding to support those who can take an active part in the MCAS Futenma Replacement. Once the base is returned, the area of land has great potential. To date, Government Crowdfunding received more than \$40,000 in 133 separate donations. This fund is designed and intended to support middle school students enabling a study abroad experience. This fundraiser is Ginowan City's first step to develop human resources with an international perspective that will lead to the future and purposeful development of the air station once returned. Already this year, Ginowan City has taken advantage of donations for the study abroad program which has supported and allowed 10 Ginowan City middle school students to travel to the United States and have a unique and purposeful experience in Washington, D.C., and Seattle without any burden of cost to themselves.



The project to give the middle school students the opportunity to study abroad equally without economic burden



Local Junior High School Students

Study Abroad



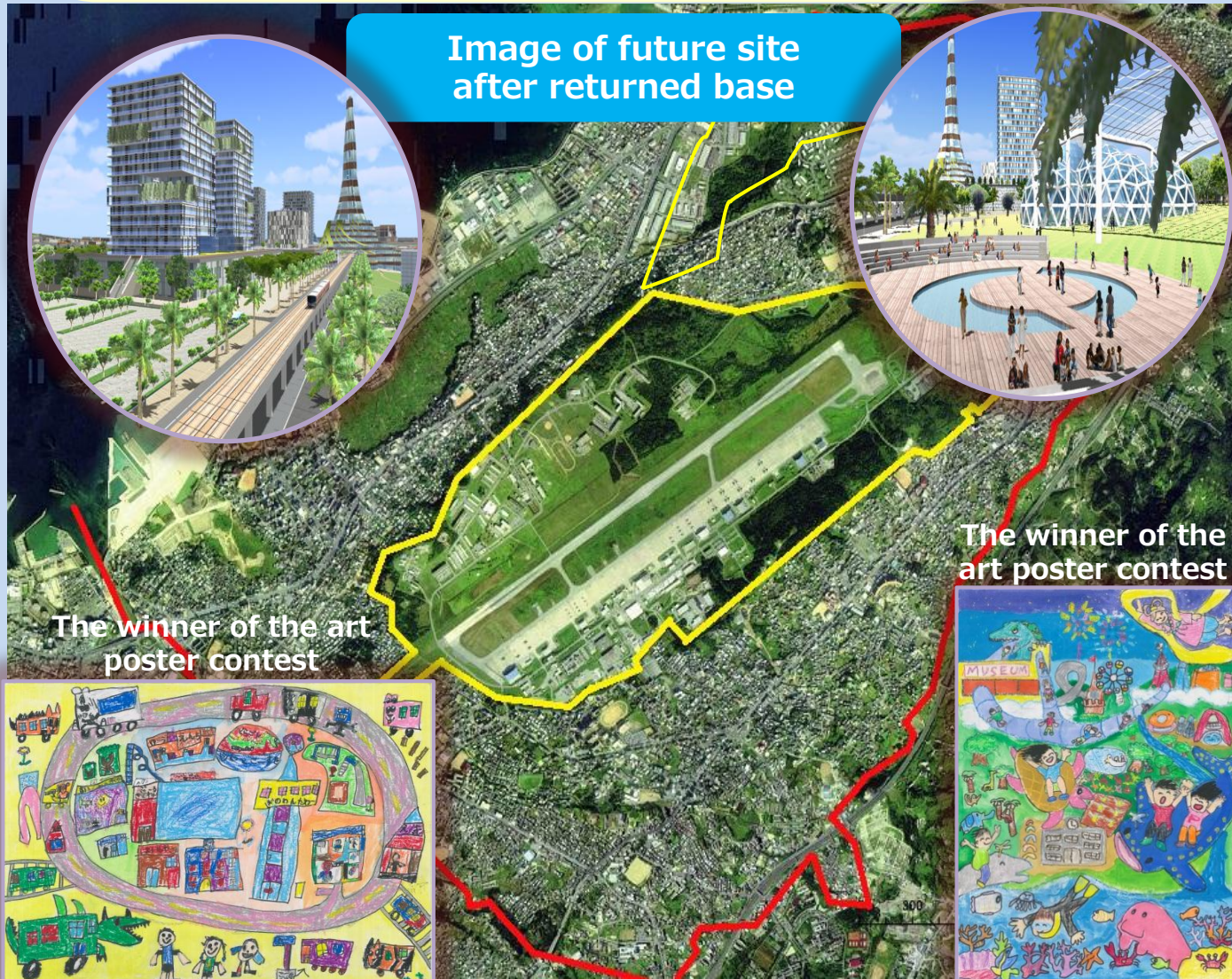
Experience will pay for the future



Image of future site after returned base

The winner of the art poster contest

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2018 Report of Study Abroad

We stayed in Washington D.C for 4 days. So we went Japanese Embassy, state Department, pentagon, Lincoln Memorial and the white House. The white house appearance was pure white. But, the inside was colorful. At the Japanese Embassy and the state Department, for us it was difficult story, but I was able to learn about the relationship between America and Japan I was able to learn a lot.

Donor Comments

I donated last year, and I received an appreciation letter from city several time. I am glad that I was able to support the cause.

I hope that the project goals and aspirations will be implemented by the support of many people. This will help the children who suffer from base related impairments and give them the opportunity to study abroad.

I am hopeful for the return of Futenma Air Base at the earliest possible date so the students who went to study abroad can play at the site in the future.

- Through the use of the site, there is a possibility of leading further development of Ginowan city, further development of Okinawa and East Asia as a whole.
- We have many people from all over Japan for support to study abroad.
- We will send the report of the study abroad program as a gift to those who have donated to us.