

Nago Mayor Inamine's Concise Guide to What's Wrong with the Planned Marine Air Base なにが問題なのか 名護市稲嶺市長による簡潔でわかりやすい海兵隊基地建設の問題点

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Between 2012 and 2014 we posted a number of articles on contemporary affairs without giving them volume and issue numbers or dates. Often the date can be determined from internal evidence in the article, but sometimes not. We have decided retrospectively to list all of them as Volume 10, Issue 54 with a date of 2012 with the understanding that all were published between 2012 and 2014.

Introduction by Steve Rabson

Nago Mayor Inamine Susumu has visited the United States twice recently to meet with government officials and hold press conferences to convey overwhelming opposition in Okinawa to the construction of a U.S. Marine air base in his city: as shown in local referenda, elections for a new governor and on-site protests. Like former Governor Ota Masahide who visited the U.S. in the 1990s, Inamine presented hand-outs and visuals documenting the disproportionate burden of U.S. military bases borne by Okinawa residents. Now Mayor Inamine's office has prepared a thorough and easily-accessed presentation in English and Japanese on the history and scope of the U.S. military presence in Nago and the devastating impact the proposed air base would have on residents and the environment. It provides the essential facts to inform anyone with an interest in this issue at the center of Japan-Okinawa-US relations.



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Asia-Pacific Journal articles on related themes:

Hideki Yoshikawa, [Urgent Situation at Okinawa's Henoko and Oura Bay](#)

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