

**OKINAWA PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
REGARDING THE RELOCATION OF
CORROSION PREVENTION AND MAINTENANCE HANGARS TO
THE PAPA LOOP AREA AT KADENA AIR BASE**

On May 25, 2022, the Commander of the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base of the US Air Force explained to the Mayor of Kadena Town and relevant bodies the plans to expand and construct corrosion prevention and maintenance hangars in a section on the residential side within the Papa Loop area.

Upon receiving these explanations, the Kadena Town Assembly unanimously adopted a statement of opinion and resolution at the extraordinary session of the Town Assembly on July 19, based on the projection that these plans would greatly impact the surrounding environment, and the Assembly has made calls of protest to both the governments of Japan and the US as well as to relevant agencies.

Under these circumstances, it came to light in August of this year that the US Forces were conducting a cultural properties survey at a section in the Papa Loop area. The US Forces had explained to Kadena Town that the survey does not indicate their intentions to begin the construction of a specific facility. However, local media has reported that the US Department of Defense has acknowledged that the cultural properties survey in progress at the green belt in one section of Papa Loop is preliminary work for the construction of the corrosion prevention and maintenance hangars.

In addition to the daily noise emitted from take-offs and landings of fighter jets and other aircraft, and flight drills at Kadena Air Base, the tranquility of everyday life in Kadena Town is also greatly impacted by ground-level noise around the clock, and foul odors of exhaust fumes from aircraft engine adjustments and the like from around Papa Loop, which is situated adjacent to residential areas.

With the already mounting issues stemming from US bases, it can be easily assumed that the construction of a new and extensive facility in the Papa Loop area will further increase the extent of damage from military base facilities to not only the residents of Kadena Town but to the overall population of Okinawa Prefecture, and could lead to the

regular and constant use of this area.

Therefore, for whatever reason there may be for such plans, we, the Okinawa Prefectural Assembly, in our duty to protect the lives, properties, and environment of the people of Okinawa Prefecture, strongly call for the review of the relocation plan for the corrosion prevention and maintenance hangars to the Papa Loop area.

The above is resolved as stated on this 18th day of October 2022.

Okinawa Prefectural Assembly