

Background on the MCAS Futenma Issue

Month/Year	Gov.	Details
Apr. 1996	JPN	- Reversion of MCAS Futenma agreed between Prime Minister Hashimoto and U.S. Ambassador Mondale
Dec. 1996	JPN	- Reversion of MCAS Futenma agreed in SACO Final Report (2 + 2)
Dec. 1999	OKI	- Nago City Mayor accepts the MCAS Futenma relocation plan, but with basic conditions
2000 - 2003	JPN / OKI	- Meetings held between Okinawa and GOJ consultative groups over basic plans and other matters regarding the Futenma Replacement Facility (FRF) (Total of 11 meetings)
May 2006	JPN	- Construction of V-shaped runways agreed on the US-Japan Roadmap for Realignment Implementation
2006 - 2009	JPN / OKI	- Meetings held between Okinawa and GOJ consultative groups on relocation measures, regarding detailed construction plans of the FRF (Total of nine meetings)
Aug. 2009	JPN	- During the general election, party leader Hatoyama addressed the issue and stated to move MCAS Futenma "at least out of Okinawa Prefecture"
Sept. 2009	JPN	- Inauguration of Hatoyama's Cabinet and its pledge to "re-examine the Realignment Plan and other fundamental aspects of U.S. Forces in Japan"
Jan. 2010	OKI	- Nago City Mayoral Election (Mr. Inamine, candidate opposed to the Henoko Plan is elected)
Feb. 2010	OKI	- Okinawa Prefectural Assembly unanimously passed its written opinion calling for the relocation of MCAS Futenma out of Okinawa Prefecture
Apr. 2010	OKI	- Okinawa Citizen's Rally; attended by representatives from all 41 municipalities, calling for the relocation out of Okinawa Prefecture
May 2010	JPN	- Japan-US Joint Statement (2+2) reaffirms the Henoko Plan
Sept. 2010	OKI	- Nago City Assembly Election (9 Pro-Henoko Plan, 18 Anti-Henoko Plan)
Nov. 2010	OKI	- Gubernatorial Election of Okinawa Prefecture (Governor Nakaima is re-elected with a campaign pledge calling for the relocation out of the prefecture)