

## Governor's Comment

Today, Okinawa Prefectural Government revoked its approval for the publicly-owned surface water reclamation in regard to construction of the Futenma Replacement Facility.

On July 16, 2015, Okinawa Prefectural Government received a report of examination results from a third-party commission tasked with examining if there are any legal defects in the reclamation approval. After related departments of Okinawa Prefectural Government reviewed the report in detail, defects that may rescind the reclamation approval were found. Accordingly, Okinawa Prefectural Government conducted an opinion hearing and filed a hearing procedure to cancel the approval.

In the hearing process, we received a statement from the Director General of the Okinawa Defense Bureau. We fully reviewed a report and a record from a presiding official of the hearing and discussed an anticipated adverse disposition.

As a result, we concluded that the cancellation of the approval is appropriate and sent a revocation notice today for the publicly-owned surface water reclamation to the Director General of the Okinawa Defense Bureau.

I will continue to make my utmost efforts in fulfilling my pledge not to allow a new base construction at Henoko.

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