

The Okinawa Collection-Related Events

Date: February 2, 2017 (Thu)

Venue: 16th floor, Elliott School, the George Washington University

1. Open Seminar

An open seminar was held for researchers and students studying Okinawa-related matters. The governor gave a lecture on “military base issues in Okinawa” and explained the Okinawa Prefectural Government’s stance of continued opposition to the construction of a new base at Henoko, and the situation in Okinawa over the aforementioned issues.

Dr. Tomikawa, OPG’s policy advisor, also delivered a lecture on “The Future of Okinawa’s Economy and Asia – Prospects of Breaking with Dependency on Bases”, highlighting the military base issues in Okinawa from an economics perspective.

More than 120 people participated in the open seminar and during a question- and-answer session after the lectures, participants asked questions on the construction of a new base at Henoko, the Japan-U.S. security, and more.

Date: February 3, 2017 (Fri)

Venue: 1st floor, the George Washington University Library

2. Workshop

In order to promote use of the Okinawa Collection, a workshop regarding the future policy and prospects of the Collection was held and joined by 19 experts, including professors of U.S. universities, researchers studying Okinawa-related matters, librarians and others.

At the outset of the morning session, the governor made remarks and explained the purpose of the establishment of the Okinawa Collection and its future prospects while Dr. Tomikawa, OPG’s policy advisor, gave a lecture on “The Future of Okinawa’s Economy and Asia”.

Professor Mike Mochizuki of the George Washington University shared the current situation of the Okinawa Collection and its website created this year.

During the afternoon session, for promoting use of the Okinawa Collection, we actively exchanged ideas with experts about selection of books, collaboration with relevant entities, including universities and libraries in the U.S. and dissemination of information through the website to increase users.



Question-and-answer session after the lectures

Future Prospects

3. The Okinawa Prefectural Government hopes that this event will contribute to the further enhancement of the Okinawa Collection with more and more researchers, students and general citizens visiting it, and that the George Washington University Library will be a center of Okinawa-related books, documents and materials in the U.S. so that more people in the U.S. will deepen their understanding of the actual situation in Okinawa including the military base issue, eventually leading to the resolution of the military base issues in Okinawa.