Section 2
Q&A about the Issue of the Relocation of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma

At Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, aircraft conduct take-offs and landings in the middle of the city. (Photo above)

The Japanese and U.S. governments say that relocation of this base to Henoko coast, which is only 25 miles away, is the only solution to this problem. However, no reasonable explanations have been given, and many residents of Okinawa Prefecture have been calling for Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to be relocated outside of Okinawa.

Overview of New Base at Henoko to Replace Marine Corps Air Station Futenma

Henoko ammunition storage area

1. Aircraft support facilities
2. Engine test cell
3. Aircraft washing area
4. Sewage treatment & cleanup tank
5. Fire-fighting training facility
6. Storage sheds (8 sheds)
7. Aircraft parking apron (approx. 240,000 m²)
8. Refueling area
9. Fuel facility

Offshore yards (Temporary storage of caissons)
Offshore yards will be set up for temporarily storing prefabricated caissons (reinforced concrete boxes used for sea walls and jetties). These will comprise an area of approximately 3 ha. Although the surface structure will be removed after completion of the reclamation work, a decision on removal of the foundations has yet to be made and is slated to take into consideration the impact on the ecosystem.

Fuel quay *Currently not part of MCAS Futenma
Tankers up to 100m in length are able to dock at this quay.

Embankment (Berthing-capable)
*Currently not part of MCAS Futenma
A 272m embankment is planned, which will be able to accommodate ships up to 185.5m.

Fill material collection area for land reclamation
Two million m³ of earth and sand needs to be collected. In this area, the remains of Miyagawa settlements, roads used for royal communications during the Ryukyu Kingdom, and other archaeological finds have been confirmed.

Ammunition loading area (Approx. 16,000 m²)
*Currently not part of MCAS Futenma
In this area, ammunition will be loaded onto and unloaded from aircraft. A replacement facility will be located next to the Henoko Ordnance Ammunition Depot, which is adjacent to Camp Schwab. Camp Schwab also serves as a spent ammunition disposal site.

Work yards
These work yards are planned for manufacturing concrete blocks and temporary material storage. They will comprise an area of 7 ha (of this, 5 ha will be reclaimed land). This will include Manzuma beach, Mabuchi beach, and the dragon boat race venue.