

Measures for U.S. Military Facilities

Handling Issues Associated With U.S. Military Facilities

There are eight U.S. military installations in Tokyo. Because their presence has a range of impact on the daily lives of Tokyo residents as well as community development, the TMG is working toward the consolidation, downscaling, and reversion of these installations, and, in cooperation with relevant local governments, urging the central government and the U.S. Armed Forces to resolve various problems caused by the facilities, such as aircraft noise and concerns about incidents and accidents. The TMG also works with the U.S. Armed Forces to cooperate in times of disasters and other emergencies.

U.S. Military Installations in Tokyo

In Tokyo, there are eight U.S. military installations (facilities and areas provided to the U.S. Armed Forces), including Yokota Air Base, where the headquarters of the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan are located. Combined, they occupy approximately 1,603 hectares.



U.S. military installations in Tokyo (as of the end of March 2015)

Yokota Air Base

Name of installation	Location	Purpose	Area(ha)
Akasaka Press Center	Minato-ku	Office, quarters, heliport	2.7
Yokota Air Base	Tachikawa City, Akishima City, Fussa City, Musashimurayama City, Hamura City, Mizuho Town	Airfield, housing, schools, offices	713.6
Fuchu Communication Station	Fuchu City	Communications (office, communication facilities)	1.7
Tama Service Annex	Tama City, Inagi City	Golf course, recreation facilities, etc.	195.7
Owada Communication Site	Kiyose City	Communications (communication facilities)	24.7
Yuki Communication Site	Hachioji City	Communications (radio relay)	0.4
Iwo Jima Communication Site	Ogasawara Village	Communications (training)	663.1
New Sanno U.S. Forces Center	Minato-ku	Accommodation facility	0.7

Petitioning to the Central Government and U.S. Armed Forces

The TMG is urging the central government to promote the consolidation, downscaling, and reversion of U.S. military facilities in Tokyo, through efforts such as requests to the central government regarding policies and budget measures, as well as the activities of the Base-Hosting Governors' Association.

To solve various problems arising from military facilities, the TMG is calling on the central government and the U.S. Armed Forces to reduce aircraft noise in the areas around Yokota Air Base and prevent the recurrence of aircraft accidents and incidents caused by members of the U.S. Armed Forces, through the Liaison Council of Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Municipalities Surrounding Yokota Air Base for Measures Concerning Yokota Air Base (made up of the TMG, five cities, and one town) and other efforts. Specifically, the TMG is demanding, based on noise monitoring results, that measures be taken to curb aircraft noise in the areas surrounding Yokota Air Base and Naval Air Facility Atsugi, and that landing practice by carrier-based aircraft not be conducted at those facilities.

Collaboration With the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan

In an effort to ensure smooth collaboration with the U.S. Armed Forces in the event of a disaster, the TMG started in 2001 using U.S. military facilities such as Yokota Air Base and Akasaka Press Center as sites to conduct its Comprehensive Disaster Management Drill. Since 2006, U.S. military personnel have been participating in the drill.

Between the TMG and the U.S. Army in Japan, there is an agreement that allows the TMG to use the heliport of the Akasaka Press Center to transport relief supplies in the event of a disaster and to transfer emergency patients from Tokyo's islands to hospitals in the city center.