

# Matters Concerning U.S. Military Facilities

## Handling Issues Associated With U.S. Military Facilities

There are seven 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. Forces Japan 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. forces to cooperate in times of disasters and other emergencies.

### U.S. Military Installations in Tokyo

In Tokyo, there are seven U.S. military installations (facilities and areas provided to the U.S. forces), including Yokota Air Base, where the headquarters of the U.S. Forces in Japan are located. Combined, they occupy approximately 1,601 hectares.



Yokota Air Base

U.S. military installations in Tokyo (as of January 1, 2019)

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.	194.8
Owada Communication Site	Kiyose City	Communications (communication facilities)	24.7
Iwo Jima Communication Site	Ogasawara Village	Communications (training)	663.1
New Sanno U.S. Forces Center	Minato-ku	Accommodation facility	0.7

### Petitioning the Central Government and U.S. 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 making 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. 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. 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, based on noise monitoring results, the TMG is demanding 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.

In addition, on October 1, 2018, five CV-22 Osprey aircraft were deployed to Yokota Air Base. The TMG is calling on the central government and U.S. forces to ensure the safety of the residents living in areas around the base and preserve the living environment.

### Collaboration With the U.S. Forces in Japan

In an effort to ensure smooth collaboration with the U.S. forces in the event of a disaster, in 2001 the TMG started using U.S. military facilities such as Yokota Air Base and Akasaka Press Center as sites for 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.

# Promotion of Civil-Military Dual-Use of Yokota Air Base

“Civil-military dual-use of Yokota Air Base,” which would enable the use of the base for commercial flights, will supplement airport functions in the National Capital Region and improve air access in the western part of the region.

Following agreement between Japan and the United States to study the feasibility of civil-military dual-use of Yokota Air Base at the 2003 Japan-U.S. Summit, the TMG has been working closely with the central government for early realization of dual-use of the base.

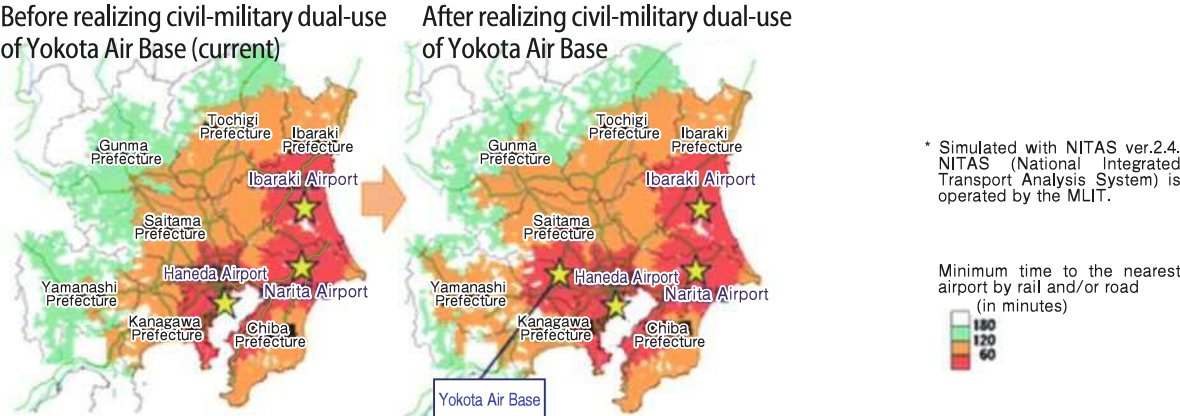
## Significance of Civil-Military Dual-Use of Yokota Air Base

### Supplementing Airport Functions in the National Capital Region

Through measures such as runway extensions, airport capacity in the National Capital Region has gradually increased at Haneda Airport and Narita Airport. According to forecasts for aviation demand in the National Capital Region, however, capacity limit will be reached in the early 2020s, and it will not be possible to fully meet the region’s growing aviation demand. To accommodate the many visitors to the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020, as well as air travel demand following the Games, measures must be taken to bolster the airport functions of the National Capital Region, including realization of civil-military dual-use of Yokota Air Base.

### Improved Air Access in the Western Part of the National Capital Region

The western part of the National Capital Region, including the Tama area as well as neighboring Saitama, Kanagawa, and Yamanashi prefectures, has a large population and a high concentration of businesses. Civil-military dual-use of Yokota Air Base would dramatically improve air access in the west by reducing traveling time to the airport.



### Accommodating Diversified Aviation Demand

At a time when cities around the world are fiercely competing against each other in the area of international business, it is necessary to further promote the accommodation of business jets in the National Capital Region to enhance the international competitiveness of Tokyo, as well as that of Japan. Civil-military dual-use of Yokota Air Base will strengthen the region’s capacity of accommodating diversified aviation demand, including business jets.

## Measures Aimed at Promoting Civil-Military Dual-Use of Yokota Air Base

In December 2003, the TMG and relevant government agencies set up a task force for discussion of practical matters concerning the civil-military dual-use of the base. To promote negotiations between the Japanese and U.S. governments, task force members are sharing information and opinions. The TMG is also pressing the central government to realize use of Yokota Air Base by civil aviation, including business jets, with an eye to accommodating the many visitors to the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 and air travel demand following the Games.

In requests to the central government related to policies and budget measures, the TMG has demanded early realization of dual-use of Yokota Air Base, which will contribute to the promotion of the Tama area and the development of the economy of the National Capital Region. In addition, the National Capital Region Nine Government Summit Council, the Kanto Region Governors Association, and the Council to Promote Development of the National Capital Region, among others, have agreed to request that the central government work to realize dual-use of the base.