

# US Military Bases in Okinawa and the Japan-US Relationship

## An Afternoon with Susumu INAMINE, Mayor of Nago City, Okinawa

Seventy years after World War II, Okinawa, devastated as a battleground in the Pacific War (1941-45), continues to be occupied by the US military, mostly marine bases, which pose threats to safety, health, and life of people and the environment. Despite steadfast opposition by the majority of the people in Okinawa, the US and Japanese governments are forcing through their plan to build yet another marine airbase with a military port. The massive reclamation required would damage the endangered bio-diverse environment of the northeastern shore. Mayor Susumu Inamine of Nago City, site of the planned base construction, was first elected in 2010 and re-elected this January, both times on a platform of opposition to the new base. This is his second visit to the United States to lobby with policymakers and to raise awareness in the United States to support his appeal. Please join Mayor Inamine and a panel of experts to discuss the critical issue.



Time and Date: 1:00 – 3pm, Saturday, May 17

Place: Gallery of the Community Church of New York,  
28 East 35 Street (between Madison and Park Avenues), NYC

12:30 Door opens (Light refreshments will be served.)

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Introduction, followed by Mayor Inamine's presentation

“No New Base Will be Allowed in My City, Whether on Land or Sea”

Comments and discussion by:

Mark Selden, Coordinator of *Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus*

Steve Rabson, Emeritus Professor of Brown University

Followed by Questions and Answers

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