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New report details challenges, progress within DOD Guam relocation plan

“The U.S. Military Laydown on Guam” a comprehensive guide on political, economic, cultural issues

WASHINGTON, D.C. — For the past twenty years, the United States Department of Defense, in cooperation with Japan, has been working to relocate personnel and functions currently in Okinawa to a replacement facility in Guam, in what has been referred to as “the largest project that the Department of Defense has ever attempted.”

Today, Sasakawa USA is proud to release a new publication that includes not only the challenges associated with the Okinawa side of this plan, which have received the bulk of media and scholarly attention related to the project, but that also reviews the entirety of the laydown process as part of the much larger realignment of forces in the Asia-Pacific, and how the plan has changed and adapted over time. The report includes details on the many political, economic, and cultural issues for Guam, how they have been addressed up to this point, and recommendations for moving forward.

The U.S. Military Laydown on Guam: Progress Amid Challenges, by Sasakawa USA Fellow for Security and Foreign Affairs, Dr. Jeffrey W. Hornung, focuses on the activities taking place on Guam over the past decade, including the issues at stake, historical development, challenges, and local community concerns. The report’s conclusion argues that while the laydown plan on Guam is not perfect, the DOD has demonstrated its willingness to listen to valid local concerns and adjust the laydown plan substantially. The report also offers numerous recommendations for the challenges that could continue to constrain progress.

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“Within this report, Dr. Jeffrey Hornung provides a comprehensive orientation to the myriad complexities involved, including foreign policy considerations, environmental concerns, and military readiness,” writes Madeleine Z. Bordallo, who represents Guam in Congress, in the preface. “This report comes at a critical stage of the Guam Realignment and Dr. Hornung provides a well-researched, and accessible, document. Though the Realignment’s complexity is only matched by its importance for adapting U.S. posture in the Asia-Pacific for the 21st Century, it is not well understood outside of tuned-in circles. This report bridges that gap and will reach and educate many policymakers for years to come.”

Print copies of the publication are available upon request.

About the Author

Dr. Jeffrey W. Hornung is the Fellow for the Security and Foreign Affairs Program at Sasakawa USA. From 2010-2015, Hornung worked as an Associate Professor for the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, a Department of Defense executive education facility in Honolulu, Hawaii. Prior to that, Hornung served as a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Ohio State University's East Asian Studies Center, a research assistant at George Washington University's "Memory and Reconciliation in the Asia-Pacific" project, and also worked for a member of the Japanese Diet during the 2001 House of Councillors election.

Hornung has written about Japanese security and foreign policy issues for numerous media, policy, and academic outlets. He is also co-editor of the forthcoming Routledge book *Chinese-Japanese Competition and the East Asian Security Complex: Vying for Influence* (Spring 2017).

Hornung received his Ph.D. in political science from the George Washington University. He also holds an MA in international relations with a concentration in Japan Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and a BA in political science and international affairs from Marquette University. During 2005-2006, Hornung was also a visiting scholar at the University of Tokyo where he conducted his doctoral research as a Fulbright Fellow.

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