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IWAKUNI RESIDENT OFFICE

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INTRODUCTION: The Iwakuni Resident Office, also known as IRO, is one of 6 field offices within the Honshu Area Office and part of the Japan Engineer District Construction Division.

LOCATION INFORMATION: The Iwakuni Resident Office is located in Building 360 at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni. Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, is situated approximately 600 miles southwest of Tokyo. It is located in the Nishiki River delta at Iwakuni City, where it lies at the eastern end of Yamaguchi Prefecture, the southern end of the main island of Japan. The city is backed by the mountains and fronted by the Seto Inland Sea, and its northern part adjoins Otake City in Hiroshima Prefecture. Although there are several large cities near Iwakuni, Hiroshima is the most notable one. Hiroshima is located approximately 25 miles northeast of Iwakuni. It is a great place for shopping, cultural tours and entertainment. It is famous for the Peace Park and Museum which preserves pictures and relics from the atomic bomb explosion.



TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED: Iwakuni Resident Office applies world class Engineering, Construction and Project Management expertise to safely deliver US funded projects (MILCON, NAF, SRM) and acts as the technical representative for Government of Japan funded projects in support of the Defense Policy Review Initiative (DPRI) and Facilities Improvement Program (FIP) at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and Kure Army Ammunition Depots.



STAKEHOLDERS: MCAS Iwakuni is home to Marine Aircraft Group 12 (MAG-12), elements of the 3rd Marine Logistics Group, Fleet Air Wing 31 of the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force, and other units of JMSDF. The Carrier Air Wing FIVE (CVW-5), the only forward-deployed carrier strike group in the U.S. Navy, has recently changed their home port to MCAS Iwakuni. At present the station has about 15,000 personnel, including Japanese national employees. The Chigoku-Shikoku Defense Bureau is the local Government of Japan stakeholder.

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Location Facts

- **HOUSING** - MCAS Iwakuni has one of the largest housing inventories for the Marine Corps. Units include family housing and bachelor housing. Off-base housing is predominantly for civilians and contractors working on the base.
- **SCHOOLS** - MCAS Iwakuni has 4 schools on base. They are MC Perry Elementary School, Iwakuni Elementary School, Iwakuni Middle School and MC Perry High School.
- **MEDICAL & DENTAL SERVICES** – MCAS Iwakuni is serviced by the Naval Family Branch Clinic Iwakuni, part of the US Naval Hospital Yokosuka. Dental services are provided by 11th Dental Company Detachment Iwakuni and are located on the 4th floor of the Naval Family Branch Clinic Iwakuni.
- **DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL AREA** - Modern Iwakuni is represented by several major industries such as petroleum refining, paper manufacturing, and textiles to form a part of the Seto Inland Sea-side industrial area. The presence of Americans from the station coming and going throughout the city creates an international atmosphere. The people of Iwakuni, although shy and reserved, welcome the opportunity to get to know members of the station community.
- **DESCRIPTION OF BASE** – MCAS Iwakuni offers many amenities provided through Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS). MCCS operates a state of the art movie theater, a large Marine Corps Exchange, a bowling alley, sports fields, Chili's restaurant, Hangar Club (enlisted), Club Iwakuni, two large gyms, outdoor pools, sports programs and a child development center. There is also a state of the art Commissary operated by DeCA.
- **TRANSPORTATION HUBS** – Since 2012, Iwakuni has a commercial airport shared with MCAS Iwakuni with direct flights from Haneda and Naha. Iwakuni Train Station is 5 minute drive from the main gate, and Shin-Iwakuni is 25 minutes away. A majority of the local taxis have base access.
- **PETS** – Pets are allowed at MCAS Iwakuni. Pets may be seen at the Iwakuni Veterinary Treatment Facility. Also located at the vet clinic is the Pet Hotel, operated by MCCS.
- **TELEVISION / INTERNET / LANDLINE PHONE** – Americable is the primary cable/internet provider on base. Softbank is the primary cell phone provide on base.
- **EMPLOYMENT FOR SPOUSES & FAMILY MEMBERS** – Most opportunities for employment are provided by MCCS and DoDEA.



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