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Runway repair exercise builds bilateral relations



Civil engineers from the Japan Air Self-Defense Force Southwestern Composite Air Division and the 18th Wing fold a fiberglass mat during the bilateral training day, Oct. 22, on Kadena Air Base. Civil engineers from Naha Air Base and Kadena Air Base improved bilateral relations by training together to repair a 50 foot crater.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Omari Bernard)

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10/27/2015 — Japan Air Self-Defense Force and U.S. Air Force civil engineer Airmen worked together during a bilateral contingency training day held on Kadena Air Base Oct. 22, to strengthen relations and integrate combined runway repair capabilities.

The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron Airmen gave JASDF members from the Southwestern

Composite Air Division a hands-on demonstration on how they repair a damaged runway in response to a real-world attack.

“We as engineers go out and repair the runway and reestablish it so that we can receive and launch aircraft and get back to completing our mission,” said U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. David Brown-Dawson, 18th CES Airfield Damage and Repair officer in charge. “This is the first time we’ve done this bilateral training with JASDF.”

During the training scenario, the engineers had to practice all the steps required to rapidly repair a damaged runway to ensure aircraft can continue to takeoff. To do that, the JASDF and USAF engineers took to the controls of heavy machinery in order to fill a previously dug 50-foot crater with surrounding debris.

Dump trucks provided the workers with gravel and sand, where the machinery was used

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Kadena observes Red Ribbon Week

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10/25/2015 — Red Ribbon Week began on Kadena Oct. 23 at Ryukyu and Kadena Middle School.

Red Ribbon Week is an annual National Family Partnership campaign to promote drug prevention among youth. The Red Ribbon traces its origins to 1985, when Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena, a well-respected and loved member of his community, was killed during his fight against illegal drugs. He



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▲ Shitetsu Hirata, 18th Security Forces Squadron assistant trainer for the military working dog section, is attacked by Doni, an 18th SFS MWD, while Staff Sgt. Sarah Paskey, 18th SFS MWDH and Doni’s handler, observes during the Red Ribbon Week kick off rally at Ryukyu and Kadena Middle School Oct. 23, on Kadena Air Base.



(U.S. Air Force graphic by Naoko Shimoji)

Kadena is scheduled to host trick-or-treating from 6-8 p.m. To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time, we have established policies for the event. For the purpose of trick-or-treating, visitors will be allowed on base if escorted by authorized sponsors in three ways:

- 18 WG/PA Community Relations will organize the sponsorship of specific organizations and individuals from the local community. These groups will be bused onto the installation (by invite only) and escorted by authorized volunteers at a 5:1 escort ratio.
- SOFA-sponsored ID cardholders, age 18 or older, may escort five guests from the local community on their own accord without getting passes, but they must accompany them throughout their entire time on the installation. Guests over 16 years of age will be required to bring photo identification to confirm their nationality. Sponsors and guests can only enter through Gate 1 between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. and must be escorted off the installation by 9 p.m. Guests may drive their vehicle on the installation behind their escort, but are limited to one car and must remain with the escort for the duration of the visit.
- Japanese employees (MLCs) are authorized to enter the base through Gate 1 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Oct. 31 regardless of their approved duty hours on their 98EJ. Additionally, MLC employees may sponsor their spouse and up to four children under the age of 16. Japanese employees are responsible for ensuring the welfare of all of their visitors while on base. MLC employee spouses must present photo ID to prove their identity when entering the installation. Japanese MLC’s will be allowed to obtain a visitor pass in advance between Oct. 28 - 30 at Gate 1/Pass and Registration Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Any other guests over the age of 16 will need to be escorted by SOFA personnel.

Base residents who do not wish to participate in this event are asked to turn-off outside lights and close your blinds on the evening of Oct. 31 so that trick-or-treaters will by-pass your home. Let’s abide by these simple rules and enjoy this special American tradition with our gracious host-neighbors. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

Athlete excited for KSO



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Omari Bernard)

▲ Ty Murdock, Kadena High School 12th grade student, is the honorary captain for his high school football team and competes annually at the Kadena Special Olympic games on Kadena Air Base. Murdock will go for gold again in the KSO after finishing in first place last year. He enjoys the applause and cheering from the crowd when he races in the competition.

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