

**Transcription of the Japanese government remarks regarding Human Rights
Now's oral statement on Okinawa**

Thank you, Mr. President.

A statement was made that may cause misunderstanding regarding the government of Japan's measures. For a more accurate understanding of the situation, I would like to make a brief explanation.

The construction works at Henoko and Takae of Okinawa are measures by the government of Japan for the mitigation of impact on Okinawa. The construction of the Futenma replacement facility has been carried out based on the land field permit given by the then governor of Okinawa. And with the regards to the return of the Northern Training Area which is the purpose of the construction work at Takae, the government has received a request from the local governments for an early return of the land in order to develop the area.

Japan is the country ruled by law and thus the construction works are also being carried out in accordance with laws and regulations. The government of Japan fully guarantees freedom of expression. With regards to the construction works in Okinawa, the government does not impose any unjust restrictions on freedom of expression.

However, in the case that a person enters off limits area, obstructs traffic, or conduct actions that pose risk to themselves and/or others, the government has a will to continue to take appropriate measures in accordance with laws and regulations.

Thank you very much.