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## Revitalizing Ikego for Future Generations

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Residents at Ikego Family Housing Area will receive a new multi-purpose facility in 2026 as part of a significant reinvestment in Navy families' quality of life.

The project site sits where a popular gym once stood. An August 2nd groundbreaking ceremony launched the project that will soon provide a new two-story activity and recreation center.

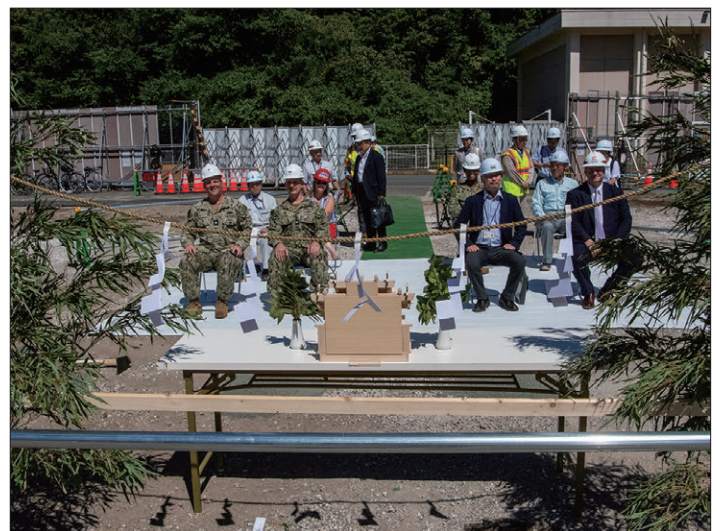
Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka's Public Works Officer, Cmdr. Tyler Scharar, oversees the project's progress. He said the work is provided by the Facility Adjustment Panel-Kanagawa (FAP-K) agreement between the U.S. and Japanese governments.

That agreement permitted the local government to provide the base community with "a number of new



facilities in exchange for the U.S. government returning the land at Negishi Housing Area back to the Government of Japan," he continued. The project is being constructed by a Japanese contractor and administrated by Japan's South Kanto Defense Bureau and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The new construction is anticipated to be more than just a building. It's a vision for a better future for Ikego's youth, offering facilities for activities such as karate, judo,







**Cmdr. Tyler Scharar, Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) public works officer, (right) and Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Ward, NAVFAC FEAD officer, take part in at the ground breaking ceremony for the new activity and recreation center at the Ikego Housing Area. This project is one of many set to improve the quality of life at CFAY.**

and gymnastics, according to Chief Master-at-Arms Jamal Borden, Ikego Detachment Commander.

"Teenage students will benefit the most as they'll also have an actual youth center where they can go. They don't have dedicated facilities right now, especially since the project demolished the old bubble gym. Even there, they just had a basketball court," he said.

The reinforced concrete construction of the soon-to-be Living Support Facility is expected to host a School Age Care (SAC) Center, a Youth Center, a Teen Center, multi-purpose community rooms and common areas, a kitchen, a music room, a laundromat, and office space. The facility



**Members from Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) take part in at the ground breaking ceremony for the new activity and recreation center at the Ikego Housing Area.**

was designed with the latest building codes for seismic, energy, and life safety systems.

"This new structure will last fifty-plus years. It's an investment into Navy families for many decades," added Scharar.

The project is one of six currently underway at Ikego Family Housing Area. A new Child Development Center, MWR club dining, and a mini-Defense Commissary Agency and Navy Exchange establishment are among the most awaited new facilities.

"[Ikego is] getting a lot of brand-new facilities for families. The new facilities for family living support, fire department, and public works will ensure families have a safe and positive experience living in Japan," said Scharar.

The revitalization of the Ikego community reflects the shared commitment between the U.S. and Japanese governments to enhance living conditions and provide additional resources to improve morale.

For more than 75 years, CFAY has provided, maintained, and operated base facilities and services in support of the U.S. 7th Fleet's forward deployed naval forces, tenant commands, and thousands of military and civilian personnel and their families.

## MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM

# MHS GENESIS

### Information for MTF Patients

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COMING TO THE PACIFIC OCTOBER 28, 2023

MHS GENESIS is the new Electronic Health Record for the Military Treatment Facilities (MTF). It integrates inpatient and outpatient electronic health records across the continuum of care from the point of service to the military treatment facility. MHS GENESIS is integral in the provision and coordination of safe, quality care. Military Treatment Facilities across the Pacific will transition to MHS GENESIS on October 28th, 2023.

**How does this affect my access to health care?**

As we transition to the new system, our staff will need to adjust to the new work flows, procedures, and processes. During this time, you can expect to experience:

- Longer appointment times
- Increased wait times at the pharmacy
- Reduced appointment availability
- Increased wait times for lab and radiology appointments and results

**What can I do to prepare for the transition to MHS GENESIS?**

As a crucial member of your care team, you can help with this transition by:

- Scheduling routine appointments prior to Sep
- Hand carrying copies of your active referrals
- Scheduling school & sports physicals prior to Sep
- Speaking with your provider about extending existing prescriptions to last throughout the transition period
- Completing standing lab work or imaging prior to Sep
- Avoiding missing scheduled appointments

**How will MHS GENESIS improve my overall experience?**

MHS GENESIS allows you to securely access your electronic health records 24/7 and exchange messages with your military health care team when and where it is convenient for you. It provides more efficient management of chronic, complex, and time-sensitive health conditions, provides automated real-time clinic decision support for health care teams, and increases patient engagement capabilities that allow patients to communicate directly with providers.

**How do I access the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal?**

To access the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, visit <https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil>. If you do not have a Common Access Card (CAC) or MyPay account, you will need to create a free DS Logon to access to Patient Portal. Follow the link to create an account, and once created, select "Upgrade to Premium Account" to view your health records. NOTE: Full Patient Portal access will not be available until October 28, 2023.

**What can I do within the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal?**

- Manage appointments
- Monitor health information and review your portal profile
- Review clinical notes, referrals, & lab & test results
- Request prescription renewals
- Exchange secure messages with your health care provider
- Look up high-quality, provider-approved health information related to health concerns, lab results, and medications

Need some help?

For help related to the MHS GENESIS Patient Portal, please contact the Global Support Center (GSC) at <https://gsc.health.mil>; or Japan - 00531-1-20743 South Korea - 00798-14-800-5242 Guam: 1-866-637-8725

For more information, visit [health.mil/MHSGENESIS](https://health.mil/MHSGENESIS)