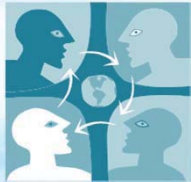


ACSILs

Association of
Comprehensive Studies for
Independence of
the Lew Chewan peoples



The Association
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By the Lew Chewan Peoples,
For the Lew Chewan Peoples.

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Why does Lew Chew have to be INDEPENDENT? (from the Charter of ACSILs)

◆ We the Lew Chewan people were driven to these subordinate circumstances by Japan and the United States. We must protect our dignity, islands, oceans, skies, descendants, and the spirit of the ancestors by making our own nation.

◆ By gaining independence from Japan and removing all military bases from our islands we Lew Chewan wish to achieve our long sought-after goal of becoming a sovereign island of peace and hope that exists in friendship with other countries, regions and nations of the world.

Let us stand up, together !



Characteristics of ACSILs

◆ (1) It is an association formed for and by Lew Chewans with ethnic roots in the Lew Chew Islands; (2) Rather than engage in discussion over the possibility or impossibility of Lew Chewan independence, ACSILs engages in research, debate, and activism based on the premise of Lew Chewan independence; (3) ACSILs calls for the complete removal of all military bases from Lew Chew.

◆ We will multilaterally and comprehensively study and discuss our independence of the Lew Chew. We will also conduct human resource development for the independence of Lew Chew and participate in forums and commissions of the United Nations, international conferences, in order to carry out a movement aimed at Lew Chewan independence.

How to Join Us



◆ ACSILs is an association formed for and by Lew Chewans with ethnic roots in the Lew Chew Islands. If you wish to be a member, please read our charter, by-laws, election rules, and membership application. The annual membership dues for ACSILs are 2,000 yen per member. However, more than one person can share the same membership. Students (including graduate students) do not have to pay membership dues.

Donating to ACSILs



◆ This association is accepting donations from people with ethnic roots in the Lew Chew Islands (regardless of whether they are members or not). As a rule, donations are kept anonymous. If you would like to make a donation, please contact our office.

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ACSILs on Media



琉球独立学会を設立 平和な『甘世』実現目指す
2013年5月18日

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琉球の島々に民族的ルーツを持つ人々が独立を目指し、学際的な調査研究を進める「琉球民族独立総合研究学会」が16日、設立された。学会設立準備委員会を務める研究者らが同日、那覇市の県庁で記者会見し、発表した。委員らは米軍基地などを具体例に「沖縄で繰り返されている問題を解決するには独立しかない」と指摘。「独自の民族として、平和で生きることができる『甘世』(あまのち)を実現させたい」と話し、自己決定権行使した基地のない島を目指し、想い手となる人々の参加を呼び掛けている。

琉球新報 2013.04.28



PanOrient News | بان أوريينت نيوز
طوكيو-الجمعة 17 مايو 2013 / بان أوريينت نيوز
تأسيس منظمة تهدف لاستقلال أوكلندا من البيان

The New York Times
SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2013

In Okinawa,
Talk of Break
From Japan
Turns Serious

Anger Over U.S. Presence
By MARTIN FACKLER

NHK
2013年06月21日【視点・論点】
沖縄の今 基地問題と独立論〈沖縄国際平和研究所理事長 大田昌秀〉

琉球新報 (琉球) 2015.03.22

「日米和親」で政府答弁
「国際法上の主体が締結」琉球の独立性示す
識者らが解釈

琉球新報
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ACSILs demands an apology for annexation of Ryukyu, calling it a "Violation of International Law"

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Se forma organización en Okinawa que busca la independencia de Japón

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Okinawa independence movement seeks inspiration from Scotland
Activists from Japanese island hope growing anger over a controversial US military base will boost support

東亜日報 (韓国)
2013-05-24

“전쟁엔 총알만이... 평시에 멀시” 오키나와 분노로 들끓어

琉球併合は「国際法違反」
独立学会 日本政府に謝罪要求



琉球民族独立総合研究学会(ACSILs)は、日本政府に琉球併合を「国際法違反」として厳しく非難し、謝罪と賠償を要求する声明を発表した。声明は、琉球が国際法上の主体であり、併合は国際法に違反しているとして、併合を無効とするよう求めた。

人民日報
2013年5月15日

琉球民族独立総合研究学会在沖縄成立

AERA
「独立」語る沖縄の決意
2013年06月24日

「アムカ世」、「ヤマト世」を経て「ウチナー世」へ

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Can Lew Chew survive economically if it becomes independent?

A: Yes. Lew Chew can survive economically with independence. In fact, the Lew Chewan economy can improve through the efforts of Lew Chewans. For example, now only about 5% of Okinawa's economy is dependent on military bases. The military bases in Lew Chew actually prevent Lew Chewan economic development as numerous studies have shown that lands occupied by military bases would be much more efficiently used if the military bases were removed. (However, the military bases should be removed regardless of economic reasons.) With independence, Lew Chew would also be able to escape the "colonial economy" that results from control by Yamato ("Mainland Japanese") capital interests. It should be further noted that ACSILs also exists as a group that researches concrete economic policies for Lew Chew.

Direct Economic Effects of Return of the Military Bases on Okinawa

Lands already returned	Before Return	After Return
Naha Shintoshin Area	5.2 billion yen	163.4 billion yen (32 times)
Oroku Kanagusuku Area	3.4 billion yen	48.9 billion yen (14 times)
Kuwaie / Kitamae Area	0.3 billion yen	33.6 billion yen (108 times)
Total	8.9 billion yen	245.9 billion yen (28 times)

Okinawa Prefectural Gov. (2015.2.4)

Lands agreed to be returned	Before Return	After Return
Camp Kuwaie	4 billion yen	33.4 billion yen (8 times)
Camp Zukeran	10.9 billion yen	106.1 billion yen (10 times)
Air Station Futenma	12 billion yen	386.6 billion yen (32 times)
Camp Kinsler	20.2 billion yen	256.4 billion yen (13 times)
Naha Military Port	3 billion yen	107.6 billion yen (36 times)
Total	50.1 billion yen	890.1 billion yen (18 times)

Okinawa Prefectural Gov. (2015.2.4)

Lands must be returned	Before Return	After Return
Kadena Air Base	approx. 150. billion yen	10 times = 1500 billion yen !
Camp Schwab		20 times = 3000 billion yen !
JASDF NAHA AIR BASE		30 times ! ? ...
JGSDf Camp Naha		40 times ! ? ...
All Other Military Bases		

ACSILs (2015.2.4)

Q: If independence is achieved and the national citizenship of Lew Chewans is changed, will their pensions (accumulated under the Japanese system) be forfeited?

A: No, they will still receive them. There are no nationality clauses for Japanese national or welfare pensions and even so-called "foreigners" are included in these systems. When Lew Chew achieves independence, Lew Chewans will be "foreigners" from the view point of Yamato (Japan), but they will still retain the right to their accumulated pensions. Upon independence, Lew Chew would enter a social security agreement with the Yamato Government that would transfer the pensions into a Lew Chewan pension system. The Yamato Government already has such an agreement with over 15 nations.

Q: Would Lew Chew be safe after all military bases were removed following independence?

A: Yes, Lew Chew will be safe. The presence of military bases pulls Lew Chew into wars and other conflicts. Armed forces do not come to Lew Chew because war is there. It is the other way around: the presence of armed forces in Lew Chew attracts war. This is clearly evident when we look at the history of Lew Chew and Okinawa. Following independence, Lew Chew will be a neutral and unarmed "keystone of peace" in Asia and the rest of the world and attract international groups to its islands, thus contributing to regional and global peace.

Q: Aren't Lew Chewans and Japanese the same?

A: No, they are not. Lew Chewans are Lew Chewans. The Lew Chew Kingdom was once an independent nation. In 1609, the Japanese feudal domain of Satsuma staged a military invasion of Lew Chew and in 1879, Yamato (Japan) carried out the "Ryukyu disposition," which was a militarily enforced annexation of Lew Chew. Such forced annexation was and still is a violation of international laws. Thus, "Okinawa Prefecture" was established by force (without going through the procedures and processes

that other domains in Japan went through during Meiji Nation-State formation). In 1945, Lew Chew was used during the Battle of Okinawa as a line of defense to "protect the home territories" and in 1952, upon having its sovereignty returned, Japan abandoned all its responsibilities to Lew Chew by handing it to U.S. military authorities. Moreover, when Okinawa was "returned" to Japan in 1972, Lew Chew was deceived again when official agreements were made completely meaningless when Japan made secret arrangements with the U.S. that gave unconditional liberties to the U.S. military, including permission to bring nuclear weapons into Lew Chew. The present forced deployment of Osprey helicopters and plans to construct a new U.S. Marine air base at Henoko are more recent examples of such duplicity. These cases of historical and ongoing discrimination of Lew Chew by Japan are proof enough that Lew Chewans are not Japanese.

Q: Isn't limiting membership in this association to only ethnic Ryukyans (Lew Chewans) exclusionary?

A: No, it is not. The only persons who can decide on the status and future of Lew Chew are Lew Chewans. (This is also based on the International Covenants on Human Rights, such as Article 1 that mandates the right to self-determination, Article 18 the right to freedom of thought, consciousness, and religion, Article 19 freedom of expression, and Article 27 the rights of ethnic, religious, and linguistic minorities. We go as far as to say that bearing and overcoming our own hardships is essential to our liberation process. Moreover, we limit our membership not to attack anyone, but rather to protect ourselves as Lew Chewan people. Consequently, we are not an exclusionary association.

Q: Will the United Nations and the rest of the international community give support to Lew Chew?

A: Yes. In fact, the international community has already given its support to Lew Chew. For example, on August 29, 2014, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination announced to the Yamato Government its "final opinion" that the people of Lew Chew were an "indigenous ethnic group" and that their rights were to be protected and preserved. In 2010, the same committee determined that the concentration of U.S. military bases in Lew Chew was "a modern form of racial discrimination" and announced that it would widely carry out meetings with Lew Chewan representatives to monitor such racial discrimination. The UN has brought the Yamato Government under review three times (2001, 2010, and 2014) since Japan became a party to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The people of Lew Chew have been tenacious in our proactive appeals regarding our treatment and the United Nations and other sensible people in the international community will continue to give us wide support.

Q: What does ACSILs think about the new military base constructions at Henoko and Takae and the ongoing Futenma Air Base problems?

A: We are absolutely opposed to the new military base construction projects at Henoko and Takae that are being forced through by both Japan and the U.S.! We also believe that the Futenma U.S. Marine Air Base should be moved outside of Okinawa Prefecture. In the first place, we are opposed to all military bases in Lew Chew. We squarely fight against the discrimination of Lew Chew by Japan and the U.S. We will not lose! With our own hands, it is necessary for us to become independent from Yamato, remove all military bases, and create a new Lew Chew that has relations of friendship with the world's nations, regions, and ethnic groups and that are the islands of peace and hope that Lew Chewans have long awaited. Yamato needs to quickly liberate itself from its dependency on Lew Chew and achieve its own independence!