

## **Atsugi engineers recognized as NAVFAC Far East's best**

By NAVFAC Far East Public Affairs

Two Naval Air Facility Atsugi engineers, one a civilian and the other a Navy Civil Engineer Corps officer now serving in Afghanistan, were recently recognized by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Far East as two of its three 2011 Engineers of the Year.

Ronald Matsuo, project management and engineer branch (PMEB) manager for NAF Atsugi's Public Works Department's (PWD) Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division (FEAD), was recognized as NAVFAC Far East's 2011 U.S. Civil Service (USCS) Engineer of the Year.

As PMEB manager he led NAF Atsugi's design and construction division, which programmed and executed more than \$12.5 million in design and \$42 million in construction projects.

"It's a tremendous honor for me to be the selectee for NAVFAC Far East's USCS Engineer of the Year," said Matsumoto. "The team of professionals here at FEAD Atsugi, PWD Atsugi and NAVFAC Far East made this award possible for me. The amount of projects that were designed, awarded and constructed is a testament to the dedicated individuals that make a place like FEAD Atsugi the place to work."

Lt. Andrew Hayes, NAF Atsugi PWD's former FEAD officer, was recognized as NAVFAC's 2011 Military Engineer of the Year. He programmed and executed more than \$73 million in critical FY10 maintenance, support, repair and construction projects for the base.

Hayes served at NAF Atsugi from June 2007 to May 2010, then departed to serve with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 in Afghanistan – but left behind a legacy which is still being felt by NAF Atsugi, according to NAF Atsugi Public Works Officer, Cmdr. Scott Kosnick.

"Having both Lt. Hayes and Ron as part of the FEAD team has been instrumental to the PWD's success this past year," Kosnick said. "Each of them brought their talents to the organization, resulting in positive impacts felt across the base. It has been my honor to have served alongside such great engineers."

Chongsok Son, PMEB manager for Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae, Korea's PWD FEAD was recognized as NAVFAC Far East's 2011 Host Nation Engineer of the Year.

NAVFAC Far East is the single facilities command serving Navy, Marine Corps and other Department of Defense activities in the Far East Region, providing best-value facility solutions and services to Navy and Marine Corps bases at Misawa, Atsugi,

Yokosuka, Iwakuni, Sasebo, Okinawa, Diego Garcia, Chinhae Korea, Singapore and elsewhere throughout the Far East.