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**A US unmanned aerial vehicle "Guardian" to the first flight in Japan In May**

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The US unmanned aerial vehicle "Guardian" will be the first to fly in Japan in May of Nagasaki at sea.

Mayor Shirakawa Hiroshi of Iki City in Nagasaki Prefecture announced on the 17th April in Tokyo that the flight test of the unmanned aerial vehicle "Guardian" developed by the US unmanned aerial vehicle manufacturer General Atomics Aeronautical Systems.

The aircraft will take off and land at Iki airport in the city in May.

According to the company, Guardian is the first time to fly in Japan. The period is three weeks, and will fly over the surrounding sea area extensively and gather data such as photographs and moving images on the ground control system.

Shirakawa Mayor Shirakawa said, "Our first flight starts in Iki City, which is aimed at peaceful use, which also leads to the revitalization of the city and I'd like to raise the name as a place to demonstrate unmanned aerial vehicles."

The Guardian was developed in 2009. The aircraft resembling a glider is 11 meters in length and the length of both wings is 20 to 24 meters. The propeller is at the rear of the aircraft and you can keep flying for up to 40 hours. Weapons are not carried.

Terry Kraft, vice president of the company, said, "In the case of Japan, exclusive economic zones are expansive, and the important thing for maritime security is that it is a very long flight time aircraft," emphasizing the effectiveness of the Guardian.