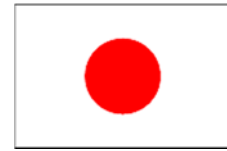




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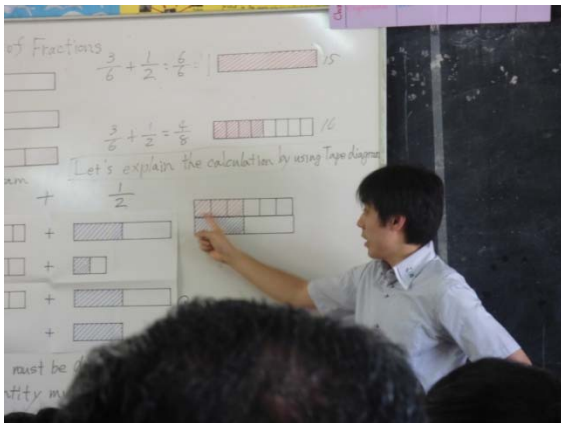


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Dear Friends in Samoa,

How are you? In August we had two Japanese PMSPP teams. I mentioned the 1<sup>st</sup> team in Newsletter 9. After that, Mr. Ishii visited Samoa for the lesson presentation and the workshop. He's a lecturer from Hokkaido University of Education and one of the translators of Mathematics textbooks in English. He taught Year 8 students directly at three primary schools.

The topics of his demonstration classes were "Addition of fractions with different denominators". Students are very poor in this field of "Fraction" in the SPELL tests. That's why Mr. Ishii picked up on "Fraction" and taught about 100 students in total in simple and easy English both in Upolu and Savai'i. He used the resources including tape diagrams and pie charts so that students can understand easily.



Falefitu Primary School



Vaigaga Primary School

Mr. Ishii also conducted the workshop for the school principals of project primary schools in the Aute conference room, MESC on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

He gave a lecture on how to have a good school-based professional development and the review session.



He showed interesting mathematical quiz.

We visited NUS to talk with a Mathematics lecturer. We exchanged views concerning the way to do the pre-service teachers' training, the PMSP lesson plans and the necessity of students 'textbooks for primary education.



At NUS Staff Room

The MESC official vehicle took us everywhere.

Thanks, Sione, Lio and Pili.



Where is the teacher? (Salailua P/S)



PMSP team and school staff

Mr. Ishii had a tight schedule but seemed to enjoy meeting and talking with Samoan people. He will be back to Samoa next February.

By Michiko, Project Coordinator