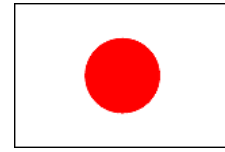


Newsletter (~15~)



May 2016 edition

Dear Friends in Samoa & Japan,

How have you been?

I'm back from Japan in April after the renewal of JICA contract.

Mr. Honda, Japanese expert (Mathematics) has come to Samoa.

This is his 3rd visit and he aims to conduct a workshop on “Problem-solving Learning” during his time here. In his workshops, he showed some interesting ways to teach mathematics. The teachers at the workshops have really enjoyed learning new “mathematical activities” such as cutting and folding the colored paper.



Explanation of the sum of the angles

Before PMSP workshops, Teacher Development and Advisory Division at MESC asked Mr. Honda to do the presentation at a teachers' training session.



FY 2016 is the final year for PMSP and we are planning to observe as many Samoan teachers' lessons as possible.

After the observation class at each school, we have a review meeting.

This meeting is very important for teachers to improve the class.



Year 3 class (many resources)



Year 5 (group activity)



Year 6 (active students)



Review Meeting (earnest discussion)

So far we have visited Vaigaga P/S and Vaimoso P/S. We are expected to have workshops at Falefitu P/S, Apia P/S, Letogo P/S and A'ele P/S in May. Mr. Suzuki (Representative) and Mr. Nakasone (Coordinator) from JICA attended the observation class and review meeting at Vaimoso Primary School.

Mr. Sione has left to participate in the Guam for The Pacific Culture Festival. Therefore Mr. Savelio Ifopo (MESC science curriculum officer) is accompanying Mr. Honda.

We are looking forward to seeing you in your school soon.

By Michiko, Project Coordinator