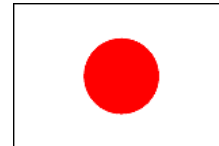


Newsletter (~17~)



July 2016 edition

Dear Friends in Samoa & Japan,

How have you been? It's cool and refreshing early morning in Samoa around this season.

Mr. Takayama, Science expert returned to Samoa and started his workshop just after his arrival on July 11th. Since then he has explained “Problem Solving Learning in Science” with a topic of a unit of “Magnets” for Y2 teachers. He showed various magnets to Samoan teachers and let them play with magnets. He said that Y1-Y3 students might find a problem by asking “Why?” through playing with magnets. It's important, he also said, for students to make predictions and to check it themselves. Especially in Science lesson, students' experience and observation are essential.



A teacher who attended a workshop also asked “Why?”.

After his workshops were finished on July 13th, he has visited schools for observation classes by Samoan teachers. After the class, we had a review session not to criticize a teacher but to improve the quality of a lesson.

It's a good opportunity for not only presenters but all teachers to have his comments and advice. Mr. Savelio has accompanied us and given teachers a precious comment as a MESC curriculum officer.

Observation Class



According to the curriculum, the topic of the lesson is “World of Materials”. Therefore students brought many materials from their home.



Review Session

At a review session, Samoan teachers played roles of a chairperson and a note taker. Now in the final year of PMSP, Samoan side should take the initiative little by little for the future after handing over to Samoa.

PMSP Task Force observed the lesson.
Task force will play an important role for the sustainability of PMSP.



During Mr. Takayama’s stay in July, he has visited nine schools.
We appreciate each school for having PMSP team and hospitality.

By Michiko, Project Coordinator