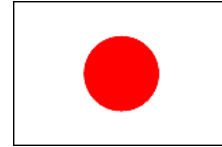


Newsletter (~23~)



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Dear Friends in Samoa & Japan,

A Happy New Year! (a little too late?)

I must say that this newsletter is the last one to you.

All the activities by Japanese experts were done last November.

The Hand-Over Ceremony was held on February 16th under the initiative of MESC. The Guests of Honor were Hon. Minister of Education, Sports & Culture, Mr. Loau Solamalemalo Keneti Sio, His Excellency, Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Shibuta and President, Hokkaido University of Education (HUE), Dr. Jaana. From Japan, Professor Takaku, Mr. & Mrs. Sakuhara (Science expert), Mr. Honda (Mathematics expert) and Mr. Hirakawa (Project Manager) visited Samoa to attend the Hand-Over Ceremony.

Dr. Karoline, CEO, MESC welcomed these guests and school principals.



The highlight of this ceremony is the handover of resources named “Manual for Development of Science and Mathematics Lessons to foster pupils’ abilities to think”, developed by the project staff to contribute to the wealth of resources already shared for teaching.



Dr. Jaana presented the Manual to the Minister.

After the Ceremony, we enjoyed a function inviting about 45 guests including Vice Chancellor of NUS, His Excellency, Japanese Ambassador and CEO, MESC.

On 17th, HUE President, Japanese PMSP team and Mr. Savelio visited pilot schools. In Falefitu P/S, they observed a Problem-Solving Math lesson. HUE handed special gifts to two pilot schools, Falefitu P/S and Vaigaga P/S.



left: Y 6 Math lesson right: Gifts: Handy white boards and liquid crystal thermometers

After schools visits, they paid a courtesy call to CEO, MESC and presented a beautiful Japanese fan for the friendship between MESC and HUE.

Finally CDMD staff had a farewell gathering for HUE team.



The PMSP has handed over to MESC. We do hope “Problem-Solving Lesson” will benefit the teaching in primary classrooms by Samoan teachers. We appreciate a lot for cooperation and support of MESC, Government of Samoa.

(By PMSP Team)