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Intensive Challenge for National Competition **District Soroban Competition Result for Tongatapu 2019**

The Embassy of Japan and Ministry of Education and Training have conducted three District Soroban Competitions for Tongatapu primary schools, which was concluded in the Western district on Thursday 22 August 2019, at the Alai Pulotu Hall, Te'ekiu village.

Three district competitions in Tongatapu were; Central district competition held on Tuesday 13 August, Eastern district competition held on the 15 August and the Western district competition. 48 primary schools participated in the competitions, which brought over nine hundred soroban students throughout Tongatapu to compete each other in a written examination, oral examination and the flash examination.

In the written examination, the young students were challenged to complete 50 maths calculations in only 5 minutes.

Winners of each category by classes 3, 4 & 5 were awarded prizes and the best overall school from each district competition won a trophy. The Government Primary School of Pea won the western district competition, GPS Mu'a won the eastern competition and St. Falakiko 'Asisi Primary School won the central district competition. Top students of each competition will participate in the National Soroban Competition next year in March.

Soroban education is proven to have strengthen mathematic skills of young students hence is now compulsory in the Maths subject for Primary Schools of Tonga. The competition not only showcased the mathematical ability of young students but also foster relations between the peoples of Japan and Tonga.

Tonga's Ministry of Education and Training and the Embassy of Japan collaborated the district competitions since 2010 with the support of the Japan International Soroban Diffusion Foundation, Tonga Soroban Education Association and JICA Tonga Office.

Primary schools of 'Eua island will compete in their district competition on Thursday 5 September 2019, completing the six district competitions for the Kingdom.

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Attached: Photos

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Soroban students of GPS Pea won the district soroban competition for Western Tongatapu, 22 August 2019, with a staff of Embassy of Japan.



District soroban competition for Western Tongatapu, held at the Alai Pulotu Hall, Te'ekiu village

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Soroban students from GPS Mu'a who the Eastern district competition, held at the Vakaua Hall of Beulah College, with a staff of Embassy of Japan.



The oral examination for Eastern district conducted by soroban officials of the Ministry of Education and Training.

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Central soroban competition on Tuesday 13 August 2019, at the Queen Salote Memorial Hall.



Top school of the central soroban competition was, St. Falakiko 'Asisi Primary School, with a staff of Embassy of Japan.

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