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### **“Intensive Challenge for National Competition”** **District Soroban Competition Result for ‘Eua 2019**

The Embassy of Japan and the Ministry of Education and Training concluded this year’s District Soroban Competition on Thursday, 5 September 2019 with the competition for ‘Eua primary school.

Soroban students of the Government Primary School of ‘Ohonua won the trophy for the best overall school in the competition this year. Houma Government Primary School came second and Ha’atu’a Government Primary School came third.

About 250 soroban students from six primary schools in ‘Eua competed in the written examination, oral examination and flash examination, and prizes were awarded to the top students in each category of classes 3, 4 & 5. Top students in the written examination were; Paea Vaioleti from GPS ‘Ohonua won class 3, Lupe Fungalei from GPS Angaha won class 4 and Kalolaine Havea from GPS ‘Ohonua won class 5. These top students will join the National Soroban Competition in Nuku’alofa, next year in March.

Soroban is proven to have strengthened mathematic skills of young students, hence now is compulsory in the Maths subject curriculum for Primary Schools in 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.

The National Soroban Competition for 2019 will announce the winner of the class 5 written examination, who will also be Tonga’s nominee to the Soroban camp in Japan, funded by the International Soroban Diffusion Foundation.

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District soroban competition for 'Eua held at the 'Eua High School Hall on Thursday, 5 September 2019.



Top three soroban students in the written examination.