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Eastern Tongatapu Soroban Students won National Soroban Competition 2020

The National Soroban Competition for the year 2020 was held on Thursday, 5 November at the Kalofiamama 'o Epworth Hall, Nuku'alofa with the best overall award won by the Eastern Tongatapu soroban student. This Competition was co-organized by the Embassy of Japan and the Ministry of Education and Training, and attend by Hon. Siaosi Sovaleni, Minister for Education and Training and Mr. KAMADA Yasuhiko, Acting Ambassador of Japan . Present also to witness the competition were Dr. Tangikina Steen, CEO for the Ministry of Education and Training, Mr. MATSUI Nobuaki, JICA's Resident Representative, soroban education officers, soroban teachers, parents and supporters of soroban competitors.

This year 9 students from Niuatoputapu island jointed the competition for the first time, together with over 120 soroban students from Ha'apai, Vava'u, 'Eua and the Districts of Tongatapu.

Mr. KAMADA emphasized that through soroban Tonga and Japan share a cultural and educational bond of friendship that held together by commitments to provide children with a good education. He also reiterated that the soroban not only improves calculation skills but also boost children's concentration and encourages their confidence.

Hon. Siaosi Sovaleni expressed gratitude to the Government of Japan and the Embassy of Japan in Nuku'alofa for the on-going support to improve mathematical skills of the young students by soroban. He congratulated the winners and the success of the competition, and the students from Niuatoputapu island who participated this competition for the first time.

The competition tested mathematical ability of students in three category; a written examination, oral examination and flash examination for classes 3, 4 and 5. Winners of each category for each level were awarded prizes, the competition was held in collaboration of the Embassy of Japan, Ministry of Education and Training, JICA Tonga Office, Japan International Soroban Diffusion Foundation and Tonga Soroban Education Association.

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Attached – Result & Photos

National Soroban Competition Result 2020

Written/Class 3

Prize	School/District	Name
1	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake (GPS Talafo'ou)	'Aliko Mafi
2	Vava'u (GPS Leimatu'a)	Lusia Tone
3	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake (GPS Lapah)	'Akapei Pouono

Written/Class 4

Prize	School/District	Name
1	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Falakiko 'Asisi)	Fredrick Kautoke
2	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake (GPS Mu'a)	Napua 'Ahofono
3	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Falakiko 'Asisi)	Ledserline Lefai

Written/Class 5

Prize	School/District	Name
1	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Falakiko 'Asisi)	Pita Tahitu'a
2	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Falakiko 'Asisi)	'Amateo Tahi
3	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake (GPS Mu'a)	Viliami Filisonu'u

Oral/Class 3

Prize	School/District	Name
1	Vava'u (GPS Leimatu'a)	Lusia Tone
2	Vava'u (GPS Longomapu)	Sipinga Helu
3	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Falakiko 'Asisi)	Palanite Telefoni

Oral/Class 4

Prize	School/District	Name
1	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake (GPS Lapaha)	Seneti Ponitini
2	Tongatapu Vahe Hihifo (GPS Hofoa)	Ngalukilo Mafi
3	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake (GPS Mu'a)	Napua 'Ahofono

Oral/Class 5

Prize	School/District	Name
1	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Falakiko 'Asisi)	'Amateo Tahi
2	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Falakiko 'Asisi)	'Ilaisaane Kolo
3	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Liviela)	'Ofa Loloa

Flash/Class 3

Prize	School/District	Name
1	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Falakiko 'Asisi)	Palanite Telefoni
2	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Falakiko 'Asisi)	Katalina Sole
3	Vava'u (GPS Leimatu'a)	Lusia Tone

Flash / Class 4

Prize	School/District	Name
1	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo (Falakiko 'Asisi)	'Ofa Malani
2	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake (GPS Lapaha)	Seneti Ponitini
3	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake (GPS Mu'a)	Napua 'Ahofono

Flash/Class 5

Prize	School/District	Name
1	'Eua (GPS 'Ohonua)	Teisa Langa'oi
2	Vava'u (Liviela)	'Alofi Tonga
3	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake (GPS Kolonga)	Lisia Tupou

Overall

Prize	School/District
1	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake
2	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo
3	Vava'u

Teachers

Prize	School/District	
1	Tongatapu Vahe Kolo/ Falakiko 'Asisi	Taina Faupula
2	Tongatapu Vahe Hahake / Tu'aliku	Vahengafo'ou Po'uli
3	'Eua	Fotofili Napa'a

Photos:



National Soroban Competition held on Thursday, 5 November 2020 at Kalofiamā 'o Epworth Hall, Nuku'alofa



Mr. KAMADA Yasuhiko, Acting Ambassador of Japan in Tonga with Pita Tahitu'a of St. Falakiko 'Asisi Primary School, the winner of class 5 written category.



The best overall district trophy was awarded to Eastern District Schools, Tongatapu.



Eastern District Tongatapu soroban students and teachers after winning the National Soroban Competition 2020.



Soroban students from Niuatoputapu travelled to join the competition for the first time.



Over 120 soroban students joined the National Soroban Competition on Thursday, 5 November.