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SCHOOL EDUCATION OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AND SMALL ISLANDS OF SOUTH JAPAN

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Introduction

There are small islands named Satsunan Islands included in Ooshima district of Kagoshima prefecture. Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) consist of many small islands and this natural environment is similar to Ooshima district. In this paper, I made a comparison of school education between Yap states of FSM and Kagoshima.

Data of school education of Yap state was provided from Yap State Education Enterprising Department (SEED) where is the competent authorities of education of Yap states.

Elementary school of Yap State

School education system of FSM is made up of 8 years elementary school, 3 years high school and college.

Number of elementary school of Yap Proper (Waab) is 12 and it of outer islands is 19. Student number of Waab is indicated in Table 1 and Fig. 1. In 5 elementary schools, more than 100 students are on the register. In 4 schools, from 99 to 50 students are on the register. In 3 schools, less than 49 students are on the register. An average of student number in an elementary school is 94, and rate of male is 52.4 percent, and it of female is 47.6 percent.

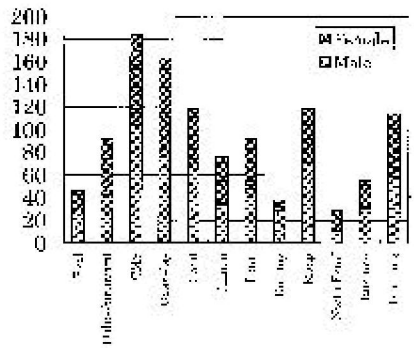

Fig. 1. Waap Elementary School Students.

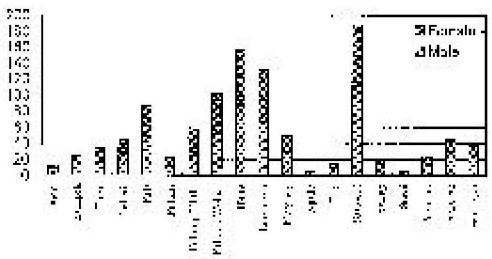

Fig. 2. Outer Islands Elementary School Students.

Student number of outer island elementary school is indicated in Table 2 and Fig.2. Schools, where more than 100 students are on the register, are following 4 schools, Satawal, Ifalik, Lamotorek, Woleai. In 3 elementary schools, less than 99 to 50 students are on the register. In 12 schools less than 49 students are on the register.

Total number of outer islands elementary school students is 691, and average per one school is 56 students. The rate of male is 55.3 percent, and it of female is 44.7 percent. In both Waab