

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 Enterprises 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.

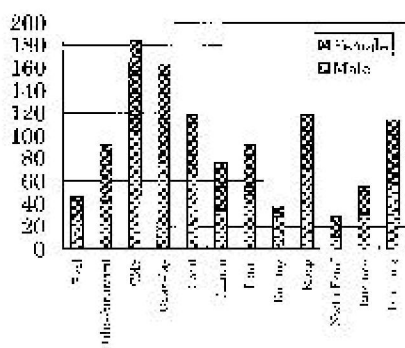


Fig. 1. Waap Elementary School Students.

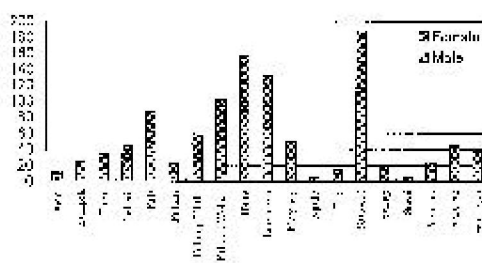


Fig. 2. Outer Islands Elementary School Students.

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

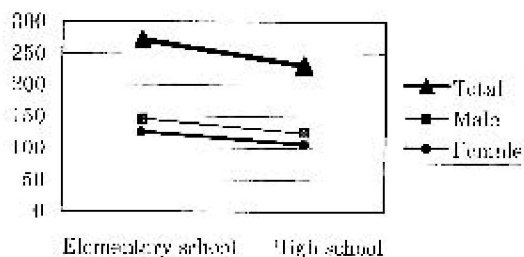


Fig. 6. Each grade students number of schools.

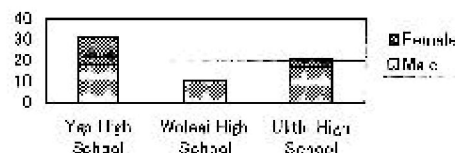


Fig. 7. High School Teaching Staff.

Teaching staff number of high school is indicated in Table 6 and Fig. 7. Total number is 62, and rate of male is 72.6 percent. It of Yap high school is about 58 percent, and it of Ulithi high school is 81 percent, and it of Woleai is 100 percent. Male mostly occupies teaching staff of outer island. But in this two island female teaching staff of elementary school is much.

COM-FSM

The College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) is multi-campus institution and was originally established to develop teacher education in 1963 as Micronesian Teacher Education Center. In 1970, this center becomes to Community College of Micronesia (CCM). CCM developed to College of Micronesia System in 1978.

In 1993, CCM becomes COM-FSM, which has National Campus, Chuuk State Campus, Kosrae State Campus, Pohnpei State Campus, and Yap State Campus.

Student number of Yap campus is 150 in summer semester and 30-50 in fall and spring semester. Professional staffs of Yap campus are 2 full-time staffs and 6 part-time staffs. Number of support staffs in Yap campus are 21.

School Education of Ooshima District, Kagoshima Prefecture

School education system of Japan is made up of 6 years primary school, 3 years junior high school, 3 years high school and college or university, including some exception.

Student number of each school of Ooshima district of Kagoshima prefecture is indicated in Table 7. This value is recorded at May of this year. Table 8 is showing the number of school scale. From this table, it is known that there are small school less than 49 students.

Rate of male of primary school 50.55 percent, and it of female is 49.45 percent. It of male of junior high school is 51.11%, and it of female is 48.89%. But at high school, rate of female

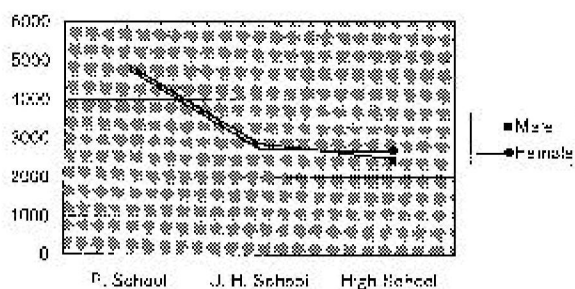


Fig. 8.

is 51.47%, and it of male is 48.43% (Fig.8).

Each grade student's number of primary school is 1605, and it of junior high is 1860, and it of high school is 1714. The reasons, which the each grade student number of high school is more than it of junior high school, are finding employment and proceeding to high school of Kagoshima mainland.

More than 150 students are leaving from Ooshima district. This fact is also known from that rate of male student is 48.43%. It is decreasing 2.68% than it of junior high school. 2.68% of high school student number (5143) is about 138.

There is not University in Ooshima district, except nurses' training school. If students wish to finish a university, they must leave their hometown island.

In 1952, an Ooshima campus of Ryukyu University was established under an occupation policy. But this campus was disappeared when Ooshima district was returned from USA in Dec. 1953.

Conclusions

If there is not fluctuations of student's number of elementary school, 84.55 percent is the rate of proceeding to high school.

Male mostly occupies teaching staff of outer island.

Ooshima district is necessary to establish a Campus such as COM-FSM.

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Table 1. Waab Elementary Schools Students

School	Male	Female	Total
Bael	27	19	46
Dalipebinawagil	41	51	92
CMS	104	79	183
Gaanelay	75	88	163
Gagil	64	55	119
Gilman	34	42	76
Fanif	47	45	92
Kanifay	28	10	38
Maap	70	48	118
North Fanif	11	17	28
Rumung	30	25	55
Tamilang	58	56	114
Total	589	535	1,124

Table 2. Outer Islands Elementary Schools Students

School	Male	Female	Total
Aspr	8	3	11
Euripik	13	11	24
Elato	17	17	34
Fadrai	26	19	45
Fais	49	38	87
Falalis	12	10	22
Falalop, Ulithi	24	34	58
Falalop, Woleai	52	50	102
Ifalik	87	69	156
Lamotrek	67	65	132
Mogmog	29	21	50
Ngulu	4	1	5
Piig	10	4	14
Satawal	111	77	188
Seliap	14	4	18
Sorol	0	5	5
Tegailap	11	13	24
Faraulap	29	15	44
Wottegai	21	16	37
Total	584	472	1,056

Table 3. Waab Elementary Schools Teaching Staff

School	Male	Female	Total
Bael	1	3	4
Dalipebinawagil	3	7	10
CMS	2	5	7
Gaanelay	2	6	8
Gagil	6	3	9
Gilman	4	4	8
Fanif	5	4	9
Kanifay	1	2	3
Maap	3	5	8
North Fanif	3	3	6
Rumung	5	1	6
Tamilane	4	6	10
Total	39	49	88

Table 4. Outer Islands Elementary Schools Teaching Staff

School	Male	Female	Total
Aspr	0	2	2
Euripik	3	0	3
Elato	3	1	4
Fadrai	2	1	3
Fais	6	1	7
Falalis	3	0	3
Falalop, Ulithi	1	6	7
Falalop, Woleai	6	6	12
Faraulap	4	1	5
Ifalik	11	1	12
Lamotrek	8	0	8
Mogmog	3	2	5
Ngulu	0	0	0
Piig	3	0	3
Satawal	11	0	11
Seliap	3	1	4
Sorol			
Tegailap	3	1	4
Wottegai	4	0	4
Total	74	23	97

Table 5. High school student's number

School	Male	Female	Total
Yap High School	248	229	477
Woleai High School	50	48	98
Ulithi high School	73	43	116
Total	371	320	691

Table 6. High School Teaching Staff

School	Male	Female	Total
Yap High School	18	13	31
Woleai High School	10	0	10
Ulithi High School	17	4	21
Total	45	17	62

and High School in Oshima District of Kagoshima Prefecture

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Table 8. School scale based on Student number

	Primary School				Junior High School			
	>100	99-50	49>10	9>	>100	99>50	49>10	9>
Naze City	5	0	5	0	4	0	1	2
Yamato Village	0	1	4	1	0	0	4	1
Uken Village	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	1
Setouti Town	1	0	9	9	1	0	5	9
Sumiyou Village	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1
Tatugou Town	2	2	3	0	1	0	2	0
Kasari Town	2	2	4	0	1	1	0	0
Kikai Town	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	0
Tokunoshima Town	2	3	3	1	1	3	2	0
Amagi Town	3	0	3	0	2	0	1	0
Isen Town	3	1	3	1	2	1	0	0
VVadomari Town	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
China Town	1	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
Yoron Town	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	23	20	43	16	17	8	20	14