

Myanmar Study tour report

Mar. 27, 28 2018

Mitsuyo Tamai,

6:30 a.m.

Moved from the hotel in Yangon to the airport.

9:00 a.m.

Arrived at Heho airport in Shan State.

Moved to Sathay village by a chartered bus with Ms.Phyu who is a guide and interpreter. For a while after the airport the road is paved and we could see brick houses on both sides and people on motorbikes here and there but only wasteland after two hours. Because of the wild road, it took us three hours to arrive at the village, which was one hour behind the schedule.

10:00 p.m.

The people of the village welcomed us very much by taking pictures of us with their mobile phones and waving their hands.

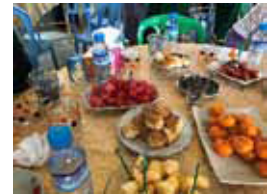
Inside the school, they had kindly prepared cut fruits, scones and salad. But our guide advised us not to eat flesh food because they are dangerous for Japanese.

We ate only scones and they were good for Japanese taste.

A female teacher who had arrived at her post in the school and a male teacher teaching English at a private school in the next village sat at the same table with us. I guess they did so in order to explain things to us because both of them could speak English. Many of the village people have mobile phones but there is not internet system or electricity. They explained that only limited places are charged with electricity generated by dynamos. Mobile phones are mainly charged by solar dynamos and used for taking pictures and listening music. The hygiene condition of the school toilet rooms is considerably bad.

The shape of the lavatory is like a Japanese traditional one. After they use the lavatory, they flow down water using a ladle to clean inside of the lavatory.

The water is kept aside in a ditch, but muddy.



Ms. Phyu explained that when an educational institution was built, the Social Welfare Agency and Educational Department designated by the government had to attend its opening ceremony.

And Paoh's Nation has been fighting against Myanmar government until about 20 years ago, but now they have abandoned their weapons and endeavor after the development of multiple race country, Myanmar. It was especially interesting story for me. Even in such a present-day that we can get any information about troubles in the world through TV, books or internet, we seldom have an opportunity to listen directly to the opinions of the people concerned. I became aware that this time.

We took a big abacus for teachers and 25 abacuses with 23 reeds, but they were not enough to distribute to everyone. The teachers were very anxious to learn, and they have mastered how to do addition and subtraction of numbers up to 10 in a short time, even though it was the first time for them to see abacuses and did not know what they were.

We presented all abacuses and text books. They made a promise with Tamai in smile that they would learn the text book until Tamai would visit them next time.

I want to continuously think about not only what kind of institution to present, but also how to support their education for their independence.

Returning from Heho airport to Yangon airport. We had a surprising experience that the airplane had free seats. We walked from a small building to the airplane in Heho airport to make a line for a seat.

Attended the opening ceremony of a nursery in Sathay village Shan State
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2:30 p.m.

We walked to the nursery through the people standing at our both sides and playing music to welcome us. We visited the nursery to see inside. A picture of the donator, Mrs. Mitsuyo Tamai was placed to show. There were some desks and chairs not in the same set but they wanted to collect more. They explained that they could establish the cleanest toilet rooms in their village.



2:50 p.m.

Opening ceremony started.

Ceremony place had been already prepared where a tent was pitched next the nursery building, and chairs were arranged. Village people were already seated.

Kondo President of JAMAHA and Mrs. Mitsuyo Tamai made speeches.

Also

Social Welfare Agency , Educational Department , representative of Paoh's Nation and the village chief made speeches.



