

# Students in Noro learn Japanese art

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STUDENTS in Noro have been involved in art work, with the assistance of Japanese, Asuka Tsutsumi.

Asuka is a renowned artist and a representative of Japanese artist unit Ki-wi. Asuka said she is quite pleased with the positive involvement of students there in art works.

"These students are from kindergartens and primary schools in Noro, Western Province", Asuka said.

She said her visit has positively impacted students from five

schools in western province and students from the Solomon Islands Red cross in improving their (students) engagement in art works and painting skills.

Asuka said during her visit she held basic Art classes and demonstrated Mokuhanga (woodcut printing), which is a famous Japanese printmaking technic. She said they also had experimental session where participants were taught how to play a traditional Japanese board game known as Sugoroku.

She said as part of her visit she also held a workshop focused on a printmaking technique which

is often taught in kindergartens and elementary schools in Japan.

Asuka said upon her return to Japan, she will showcase photos from Solomon Islands to her Japanese students' art projects exhibitions.

She also plans to exhibit the collected Solomon Islands inspired art works at the Art Gallery in both Kyoto and Fukuoka cities in Japan.

Her project has been made possible through the support of Mina Tanaka, a Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) member.



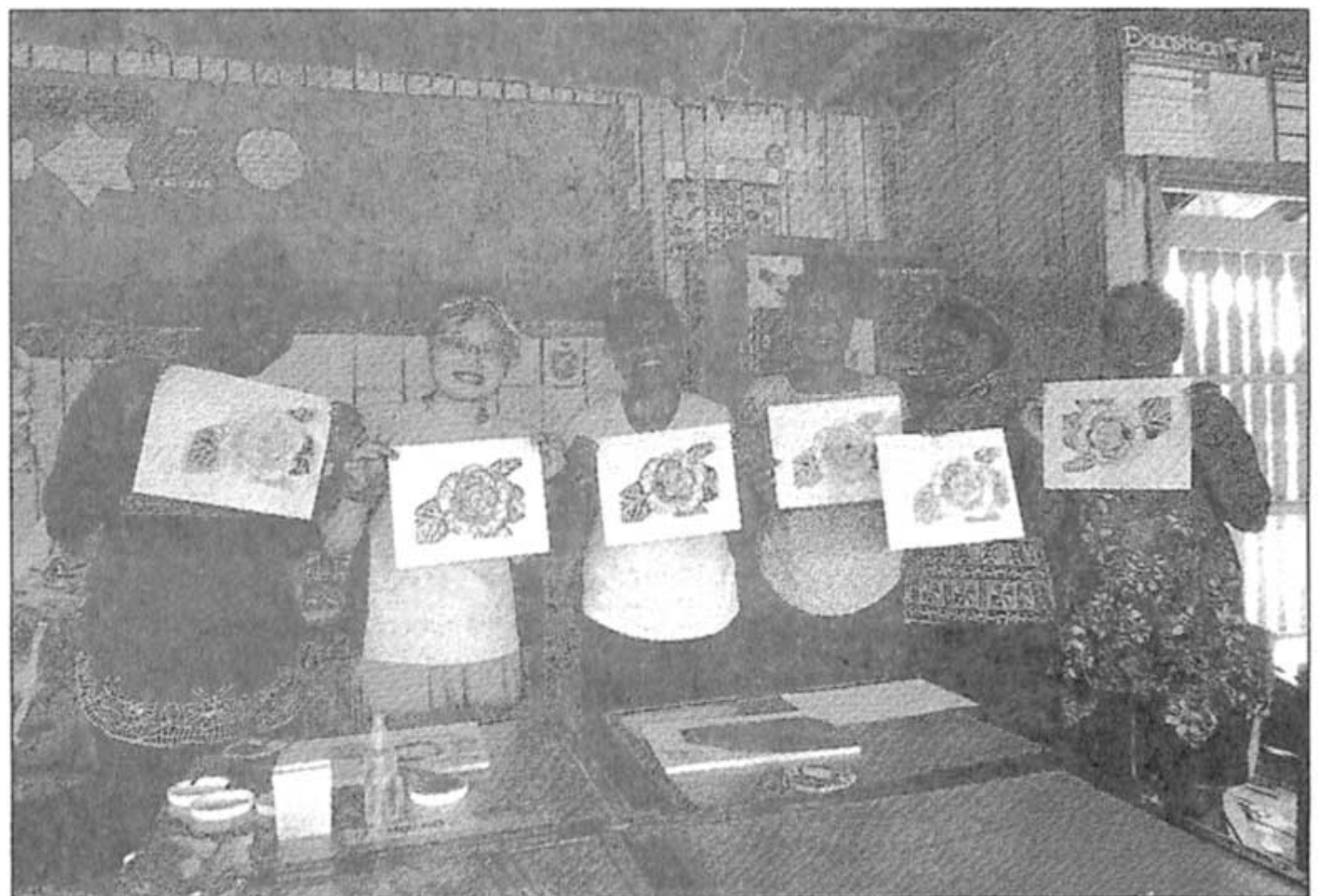
Participating students with woodcutprint.



PaperClay making.



Students showcasing leafprint.



WoodcutPrint displayed by Asuka Tsutsumi.

## MAL extension heads meets City Clerk, discuss way forward

THE Agriculture Extension Department Executive of the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock has paid a courtesy visit to Clerk of the Honiara City Council Charles Kelly as part of the department's ongoing provincial visits to create understanding, awareness and improve working relationship with provincial and City authorities with their Staff.

Lead by Director Michael Ho'ota the meeting with the City Clerk provides an opportunity

for information feedback from provincial authorities and staff, observation on the uptake and progress of the Ministry's project support to HCC farmers as well as Identification of gaps and issues in order to find solutions for rectification and improvement.

Mr. Kelly thanked the Director and his delegation for the important visit.

"I am delighted indeed. Your coming indicates your

willingness to enhance our working together to find ways to further improve agriculture service delivery in Honiara City."

"The partnership between HCC and MAL is important because through your extension office here, the City mayor and his executive as well as the Clerk were able to received technical advisory support when it comes to agriculture."

He assured the visiting team

that Honiara Urban agriculture extension service is here to stay and urged them to nature and equipped it with all the required tools, resources and infrastructure.

In response Director Ho'ota said Honiara as the main hub and congregation of activities and people from all over the country and visitors from Overseas, presents an opportunity where agriculture activities can be promoted, however this has not been so

due to various challenges which we intend to solve in the coming years.

"Though funding support to small livestock and vegetable farmers are ongoing approaches to agriculture activities in the city are limited due to ordinances that prohibit certain agriculture activities."

"Nevertheless the importance of livelihoods is the same as those for rural areas, because of this agriculture activities

have to be tailored to meet the requirements of the city."

"It is because of this plus many other issues that we take this time to come out from our offices to meet with you the authorities of the city to see any progresses and challenges so that we can work closely with each other to address the cities requirements with regards to food security and livelihoods improvement," Ho'ota said.

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