

Yap, Federated States of Micronesia

In-Service Teacher Training – Instructional Design

In recent years, Yap has made significant investments in their technology infrastructure, including the installation of computer labs in schools and an island-wide wireless network. Recognizing that these changes could and should alter teaching and learning practices, the Yap Education Enterprising Department (SEED) decided to provide teacher professional development in the areas of instructional design and technology-based learning. Seward Incorporated provided a pair of trainers who delivered an intensive one week training program in a high tech classroom. The training addressed such fundamentals of instructional design as curriculum planning, course design, lesson structure, learner motivation and assessment.

Participants

Teachers from all levels of Yap's school system, and from schools on both the main and outer islands, participated in the week-long training program. In addition, personnel from Yap's central administration and IT offices took part in the training.

Features

Highlights of the training included:

- Introduction of a systematic instructional design model and process
- Discussion of the role of competency-based instruction
- Strategies and techniques for engaging learners in online learning
- Using technology to support classroom learning
- Exposure to the concept of a life cycle for learning materials



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