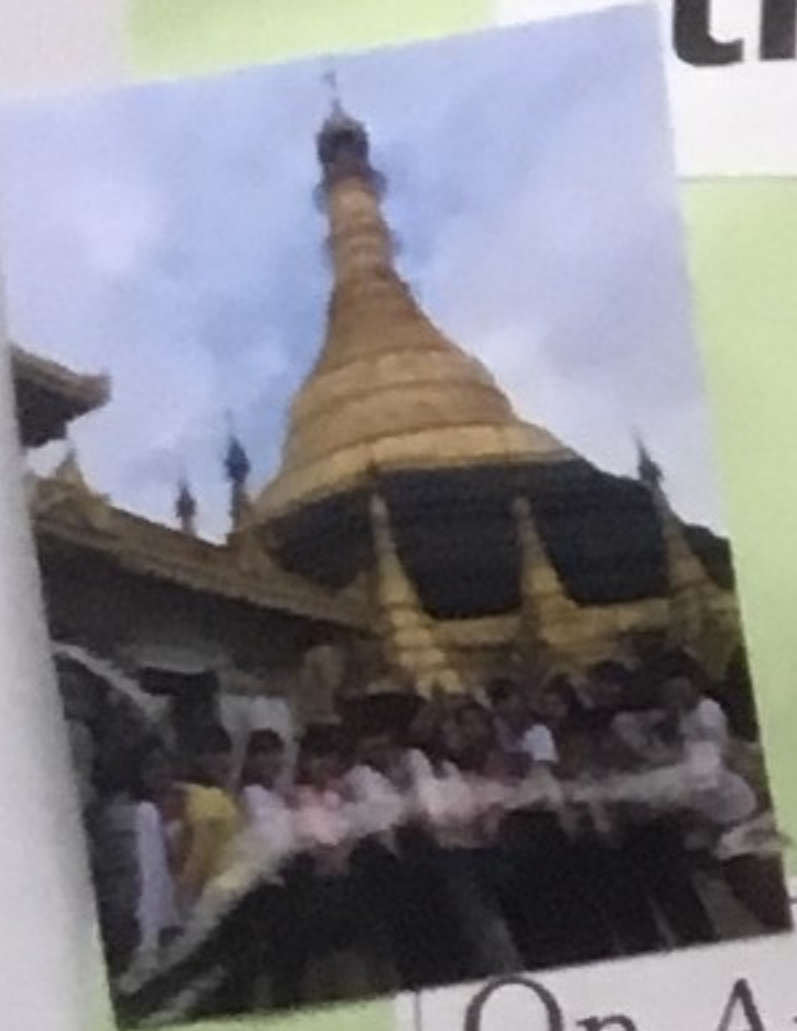


The Educational Problems and Outlook that Emerged Through Myanmar Study Tour

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On August 23, we visited Myanmar for study tour to find its social problems, where we saw the reality of a developing country. While we were there, we heard their real voice through discussion with local students and considered what we can do to solve the social problems. We would like to introduce what we learned through this experience.

Discussion with the Youth of YMCA



We discussed social problems of both Japan and Myanmar with university students there.

We discussed social problems with university students at YMCA

Raised problems

Poor educational environment.
The number of teachers is very low.
Many children cannot attend school since they can't afford the school tuition.



Visiting an HIV Care Home



We met children suffering from HIV disease. They hadn't got enough education.

There were children infected by HIV from their mother. They were discriminated by others due to misunderstanding.

Parents make their children work even on weekdays. So they can't study in school and can't get education. Children were selling souvenir instead of going to school.

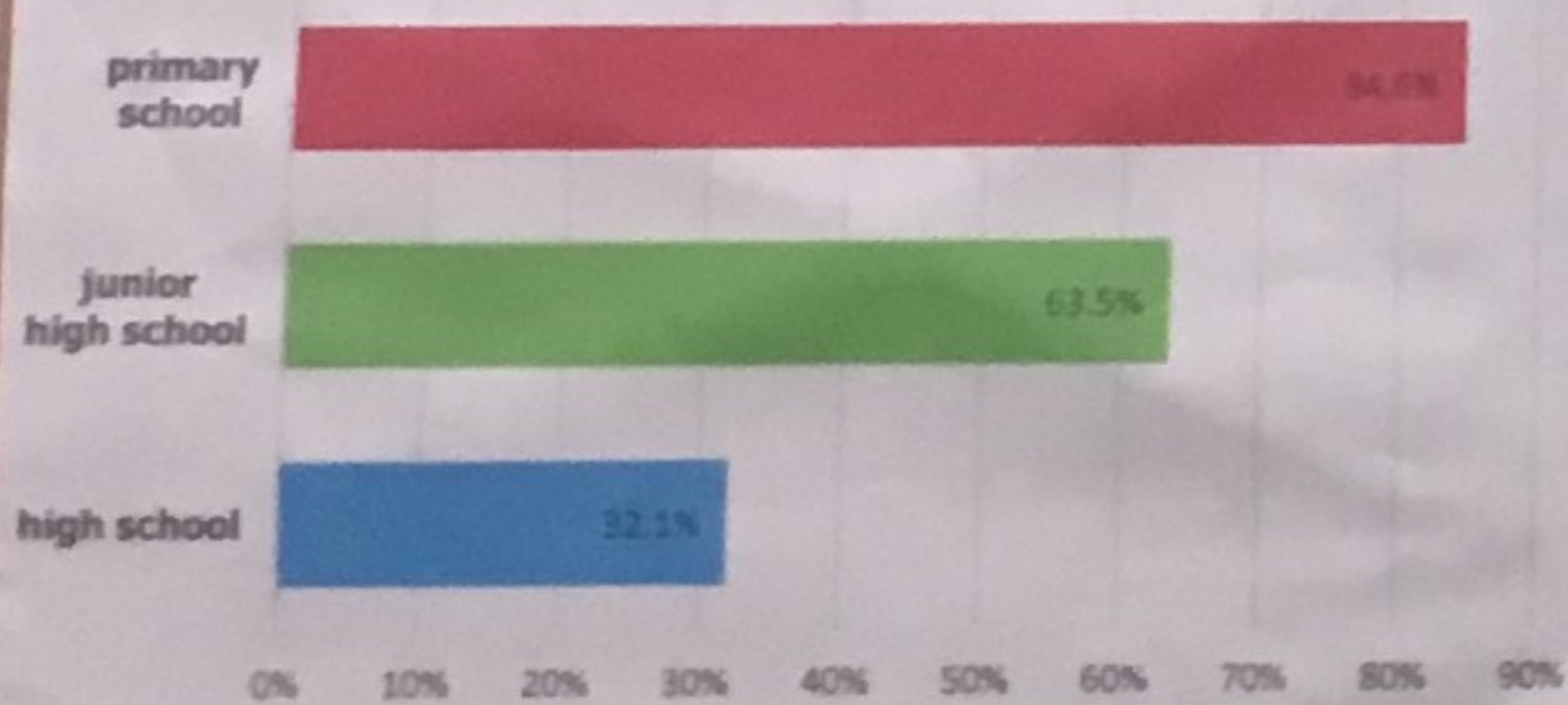


Meeting Children on the Golden Rock Site

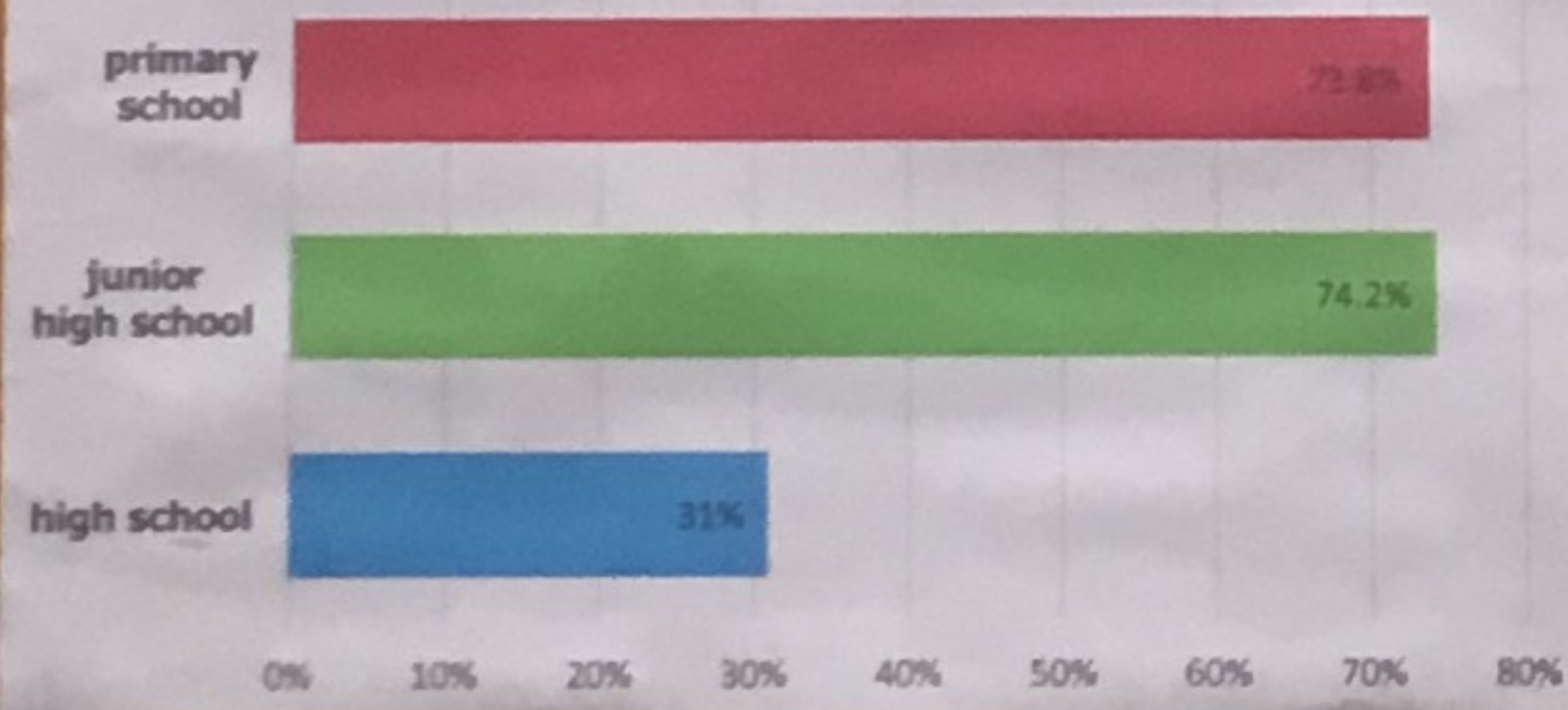


On the way to Golden Rock, a lot of children came to us and tried to sell souvenirs.

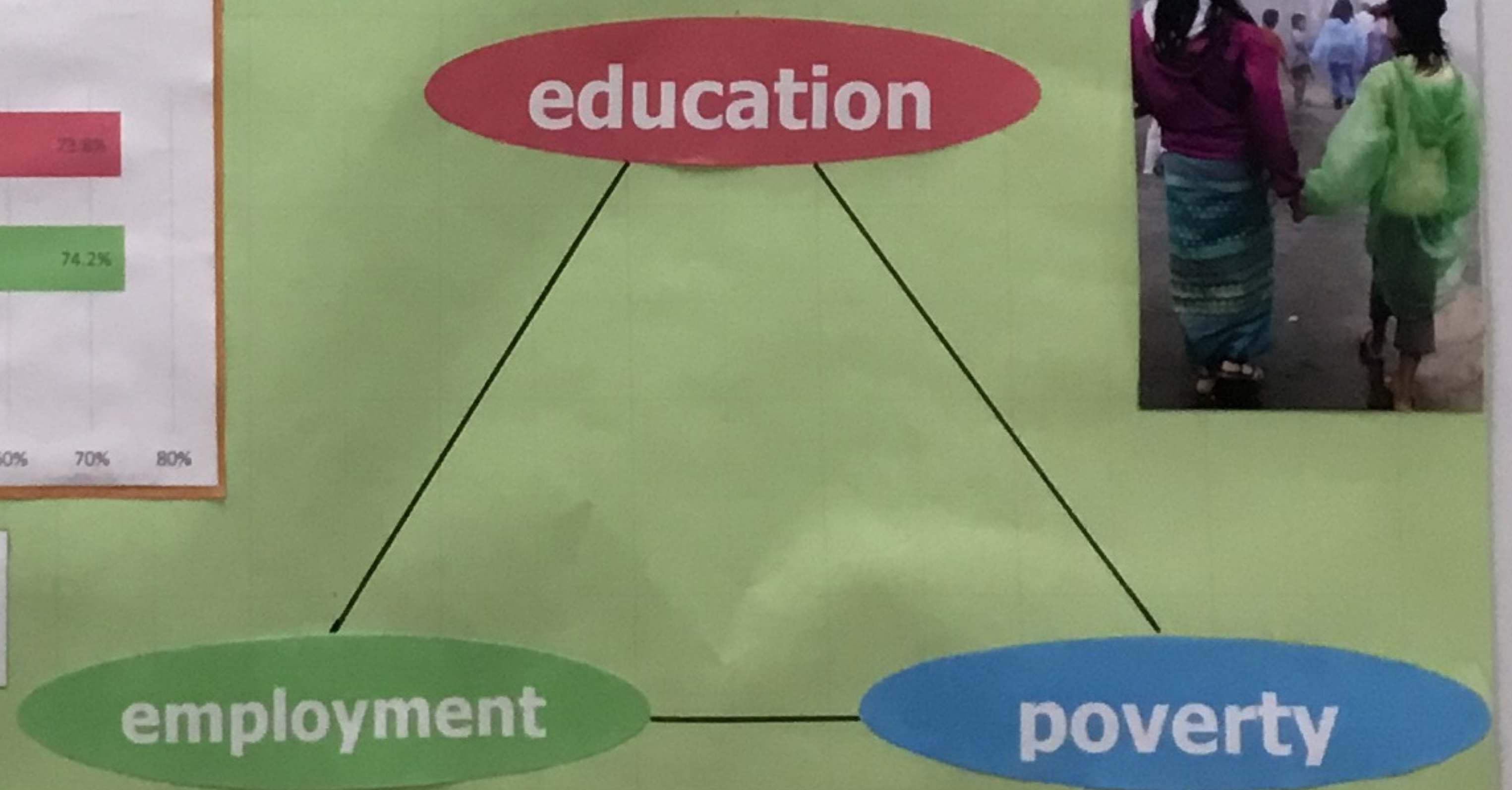
Enrollment Rate



Completion Rate



In Myanmar, there are many children who don't get school education even though they are old enough to go to school. Also, it is not mandatory to go to school in Myanmar.



The lack of employment leads to poverty. Poor child cannot get education. Uneducated and inexperienced people won't be employed or hired. In this way, poverty, poor education and unemployment will continue for the following generations.

Going through these experiences such as visiting HIV home, and Golden Rock, we realized the necessity of education. We believe, the educational problem is the biggest issue. Education first. We are blessed with a good educational environment in Japan. What we can do for now is learning.