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TH Culinary Arts Course Conclude



Scenes from the IYAIP Culinary Arts demonstration at the PTHSE.

The Tourism & Hospitality Department of Palau Community College (PCC) hosted a two-week culinary arts course beginning on August 19, 2013 in partnership with the International Youth Ambassador Interactive Program (IYAIP).

The culinary course, which involved Taiwanese culinary arts students, was conducted under the instruction of a Taiwanese chef. Participants were able to experience culinary arts lessons such as fruit and vegetable carving. Lessons also involved learning to create dishes using local Palauan products such as taro, fish, and breadfruit.

A celebration was held on August 30, 2013 to commemorate the completion of the two-week course. Participants were given the chance to showcase their skills such as drinks preparation. In addition, guests participated in activities such as the Chopstick Challenge. The two-week course provided a cultural experience for both the Palauan participants and the Taiwanese youth ambassadors.

AusAID Visits PCC

Palau Community College (PCC) was recently visited by the following representatives from the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) Program: Caroline Adams (AusAID Program Manager), Justin Ho (Incoming AusAID Country Manager, North Pacific), and Erin Magee (Outgoing AusAID Country Manager, North Pacific). AusAID is the Australian Government agency responsible for managing the country's overseas aide and assistance. AusAID had recently provided an adviser, Mr. Christopher Batchelor, to PCC to assist in the development of an English as a Second Language training course for teachers in Palau.



(left to right): Acting Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, Ms. Caroline Adams, Mr. Justin Ho, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, and Ms. Erin Magee.

Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

PCC Bids Farewell to CMU Students



(left to right): Director Rimirch, Mr. Oemar, PCC President Dr. Tellei, Analyst Alexander, and Ms. Ding.

The two students from Carnegie Mellon University have ended their stay with Palau Community College (PCC). For ten weeks, the pair resided at the PCC dormitories while assisting the college with its computer networking and website. Carnegie Mellon University is an institute of higher learning with campuses throughout the United States. Cheng Ding and Fachry Rozy Oemar attend the university's campus in Pennsylvania. They are graduate students in information technology.

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Adult High School Student Orientation



Counselor Hedrick Kual speaking to new Adult High School students at the orientation.

On September 03, 2013 the Adult High School held an orientation to mark the start of a new school term. Counselor Hedrick Kual met with the new students to give a brief introduction about the program. The Adult High School program began at Palau Community College (PCC) as an alternative education route. PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei introduced the program as an option for students interested in obtaining a high school diploma. The PCC Adult High School was established in 2000 to serve adult members of the community who have not earned a high school diploma or its equivalent.

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NEMO Training Workshop



Participants of the workshop held at the PCC Assembly Hall by the Palau National Emergency Management Office (NEMO).

The Palau National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) held a three-day training workshop at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall. Beginning on Wednesday, August 27, 2013, the Lightning Rescue Exercise aimed to improve response efforts for pandemic influenza and infection diseases under the "All Emerging Infectious Disease" planning paradigm. It was conducted by the U.S. Army Pacific Command Surgeon, the executive agent of the U.S. Pacific Command for infectious disease and civil support. NEMO, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

BFSCA Annual Meeting



Director of Education Administration Emery Wenty presenting at the annual meeting.

The Belau Family, School & Community Alliance (BFSCA) and the Belau Educators & Employers Alliance (BEA) held a joint annual meeting at the Palau Community College (PCC) Cafeteria last week. "Helping Student Succeed through Community Partnership" was the theme for this year's meeting. Beginning on Wednesday, August 26, 2012, members of both alliances met to discuss possible solutions to current educational issues in Palau. Director of Education Administration Emery Wenty discussed programs and strategies currently in place to assist Palau's students succeed in school.

BFSCA MEETING, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

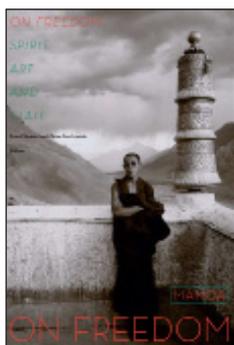
Monday to Friday 7:30AM to 7PM

Saturday 9AM to 6PM

Sunday CLOSED

For more information call
488-3540.

MANOA: A PACIFIC JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL WRITING



"Manoa is a unique, award-winning literary journal that includes American and international fiction, poetry, artwork, and essays of current cultural or literary interest."

Academic Calendar: Fall 2013

September 20 (F)

Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for the Summer

October 01 (T)

Holiday: Independence Day!

October 02-04 (T-F)

Mid-Term Period

October 18 (F)

Last Day for All Withdrawals

News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to dilubchs@palau.edu and tcuziet@gmail.com.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253) for more information.

NEMO Training Workshop CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The training sessions were divided into three separate exercises: Table Top Exercise (TTX), Command Post Exercise (CPX), and Field Training Exercise (FTX). First, a forum involving all participants discussed collective response in order to build professional relationships between the people involved in the response efforts. Exercises were conducted throughout the three-day period to develop situational awareness, personnel accountability, and a common operating picture for the stakeholders. A field training exercise was then held to give the participants hands-on experiences to re-enforce the workshop lessons.

The Lightning Rescue Exercise aims to enhance the understanding of people involved by providing current information about inter-agency and jurisdictional response, operations, and recovery plans for an all-hazards event. In addition to NEMO, participants of the workshop also included agencies under the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Education, the U.S. Embassy, and the state governments.

Adult High School CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

It offers two-tracks toward a high school diploma: a terminal program for those in the workforce or who wish to join the workforce after completing the program, and a program for those desiring entry into a post-secondary institution. Enrollment wise, the Adult High School is now the second largest high school in Palau. Since its inception, it has graduated over two hundred students. Currently it has satellite campuses in Peleliu, Airai, and Ngaremlengui. Those who are interested in enrolling in the Adult High School or who wish to learn more about the school can call 488-0826.

BFSCA Meeting CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

For example, the Ministry of Education is in the process of obtaining tablets (e.g., iPads) for the students of Palau. Director Wenty also discussed the falling number of students attending high school in Palau. As a whole, the members of both the BFSCA and the BEA were asked to consider possible solutions to the matter. The BFSCA and the BEA are non-profit organizations in Palau aimed to improve the island's educational and social developments.

SUPPORT THE PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE THANKSGIVING ENDOWMENT FUNDRAISING!

Support PCC by purchasing Tickets for the Annual Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser for Chances to WIN FABULOUS PRIZES!

NOVEMBER 27, 2013 (WEDNESDAY)

donations are tax deductible

Contact the PCC Development Office for more information:

488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253.

ALUMNI NOTES

KLILT P. OLEGERIIL

(Class of 2012)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"Study hard! It will lead you to opportunities outside of Palau."



Klilt graduate in 2012 with an AS Degree in Business Administration. She is currently studying Business Accounting at the University of Guam.

MARIANNE E. LOMONGO

(Class of 2013)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

"Try and don't give up: to have a better life don't give up on your education. Moutekangel!"



Marianne graduated with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She plans to work for a year before continuing her educational pursuits at the University of Hawaii.

TEREK MATUL

(Class of 2013)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - TOURISM & HOSPITALITY:
HOTEL OPERATIONS

"Do your very best in school and study hard because school is the key to life. Life is full of surprises so don't waste it and remember to always smile, it's an inner-beauty!"



Terek graduated in May 2013 with an AAS Degree in Tourism & Hospitality: Hotel Operations. He is currently attending the University of Guam.

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ALUMNI NOTES showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities.

If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone numbers 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253).

We would like to feature you in future *Mesekii's News* issues.

Carnegie Mellon University CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The pair worked with the Director of Computer & Processing Bruce S. Rimirch and system analyst Grace Alexander to improve the technical aspects of PCC. Mr. Oemar improved the networking speed of the computers on campus, specifically between offices and departments. Ms. Ding spent the weeks re-designing the PCC website. While keeping prospective students in mind, the website was re-designed for efficiency and relevancy (the new website can be viewed at the following web address: <http://pcc.palau.edu>).

Ms. Ding and Mr. Oemar have contributed to the improvement of the school's technology, especially in terms of meeting the goals set in the institutional master plan. PCC thanks the Carnegie Mellon University students for their time and assistance during their ten-week stay in Palau.

Celebrating Birthdays

Leona Blaluk

Joshua Ngirngedangel



September 09

September 09

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *English Instructor*
(Learning Resource Center)
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) *Adjunct Instructors*
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: **determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.**
- (3) *Dean of Academic Affairs*
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: \$21,911 - \$33,730 per annum
- (4) *Twenty (20) Part-Time Tutors*
(Educational Talent Search Office)
Salary range: \$400 - \$1,200 per annum
- (5) *Federal Work-study Coordinator*
(Office of Admissions & Financial Aid)
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact *Harline Haruo* at **PCC Human Resources Office** at 488-2470/2471, extension 227.

E-mail hr@palau.edu or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>

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If you want to join the Biweekly Allotment Program, contact us NOW!

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