Family Care-Giving “Train-the-Trainer” Workshop

This week, the Continuing Education (CE) Division of Palau Community College (PCC) hosted the Family Care-Giving “Train-the-Trainer” Workshop. The workshop was taught by Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes, Dr. Shellie Williams, Dr. Sylvia Osarch, Dr. Lam Nguyen, Dr. Bret Flynn, Rufina Takashi, and Jason Nolan.

The four-day workshop was sponsored by the Palau Ministry of Health (MOH), Palau Community College (PCC), and the Pacific Islands Geriatric Education Center – University of Hawaii. It covered lessons about adult learning and the different aspects of care-giving, such as caring for the elderly. The workshop also focused on integrating local culture with the care-giving topics.

The CE Care-Giving Program provides basic training for individuals interested in caring for home-bound bedridden patients, especially those of old age. Since June 2013, numerous individuals have participated in the program. A basis for the program was provided by Dr. Ritabelle Fernandes of the Geriatric Education Center at the University of Hawaii. Geriatrics is a field of medicine that deals with the healthcare of elderly individuals.

Fine-Dining Etiquette Training

The Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence (PHTS) hosted a training seminar for table setting & fine-dining etiquette. The two-day workshop was sponsored by the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Micronesia Chapter, Palau Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and Palau Visitors Authority (PVA).

Chris Flores Bejado was the trainer for the sessions. Mr. Bejado holds a Bachelors Degree in Travel Industry Management from the Hawaii Pacific University (HPU). He is the President of the Marianas Slingstone, Inc. and has over 20 years of experience in the food and beverage industry.

The Table-Setting & Fine Dining Etiquette training was free and opened to all interested individuals. Topics covered included proper table-setting, proper serving techniques, and proper manner of associating with customers.

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Talent Search Program Field Trip

On Saturday, February 08, 2014 the Educational Talent Search (TS) Program conducted a field trip for its students from Meyuns Elementary School. The students visited environmental and historical sites throughout Koror in relation to the subjects that they have been studying under the program.

First, the students visited the Milky Way where they observed the white muddy/sand deposits of the popular tourist site. Afterwards, the students visited Jellyfish Lake. During their trip to Jellyfish Lake, Koror State Rangers briefed the students on proper conducts to protect and conserve the site.

**NOTICE TO STUDENTS**

Prospective Graduates MUST Fill Out Forms by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014. Pick Forms Up at the Registrar & Records Office!

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JICA Senior Volunteer Yukio Umetani

Recently, a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) volunteer joined the Palau Community College (PCC) faculty. Yukio Umetani is assisting Information Technology (IT) Instructor Jovanna Yaoch with the IT programs at PCC.

Mr. Umetani has extensive experience with technology. Prior to becoming a JICA Senior Volunteer, he was a Professor for the Shizuoka University Informatics Department of Computer Science. Shizuoka University is renowned in the field of engineering, in creative innovation, and in the invention of next generation technology. He also worked as a Researcher for the Central Research Laboratory of Hitachi Ltd., a multinational engineering and electronics conglomerate company. Mr. Umetani has also been a member of prestigious scientific and mathematical societies in Japan, such as the Japan Society for Computational Engineering and Science.

Over the years, Mr. Umetani has conducted numerous researches and technological experiments. His researches have focused on subjects in the fields of Distributed & Parallel Computing, Engineering, and Artificial Intelligence.

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The focus of the Family Care-Giving “Train-the-Trainer” Workshop was to provide workforce development that will allow trainers to conduct family care-giving courses. Registration was free and opened to interested individuals in the community. The workshop began on Monday, February 10, 2014 and ended on Thursday, February 13, 2014.

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Jellyfish residing at Jellyfish Lake are known to be “stingless” because their seclusion has kept possible predators at bay. The students were given the chance to swim with the jellyfish during their visit.

Following Jellyfish Lake, the students went to Ulong Island. At Ulong, guides from Koror State explained the historical and natural significance of the island. Examining an excavation site, the guides taught the students about the different layers of sediment that signify different time periods.

In addition, the students were taught about the cultural practice of “ewatel.” “Ewatel” refers to a specific location set during warring times for people such as elderly people and children. During war, warriors would avoid an “ewatel” as it sheltered those not fighting. Ulong Island, in Palau’s history, had been used as an “ewatel.” Students also learned about the Palauan cultural practice of using smoke as a means of communication.

As an end to their field trip, the students visited the Cemetery Reef dive site. The students were given the chance to snorkel amongst the coral reefs and observe the different marine life present. The field trip provided students with an in-depth look into the subjects of Palauan culture, social history, and the island’s marine environment.

TS would like to thank Koror State Governor Yositaka Adachi and the staff of the State & Cultural Affairs Division of the Koror State Government for supporting the field trip. The TS program would also like to thank the Koror State Rangers and Guides for their assistance!
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Jurah L. Tellei
Associate of Applied Science - Office Administration

“School is the key to success!”

Jurah graduated in 2012 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She currently works as a Docket Clerk at the Office of the Clerk of Courts.

Kadoi Ruluked
Associate of Arts - Liberal Arts

“Work hard, study hard, and you can accomplish anything in life!”

Kadoi graduated in 1994 with an AS Degree in Liberal Arts. He has been working as a Marketing Representative II for the Palau Visitors Authority (PVA).

Efrecia Kazuma
Associate of Applied Science - Office Administration

“Never give up, stay in school and do your best!”

Efrecia graduated in 2012 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She currently works as a Clerk for the Office of the Clerk of Courts.

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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 Alumna/Alumnus 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 Mesekiu’s News issues.