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Palau Community College



MESEKIU'S NEWS



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PCC Mesekiu Baseball Team Wins First Game



The Palau Community College Mesekiu Baseball Team

The Palau Community College (PCC) Mesekiu Baseball Team played its first game on Saturday, March 01, 2014 against the Ngerbeches baseball team with a score margin of 4-3 in favor of PCC Mesekius.

The 2014 Mesekiu Baseball Team are Vincent Kulas (team captain), Joshua Mongkeya, Chevron Melus, Alik Julinson, Thorne Siksei, Sngebard Melairei, Dougwin Franz, Daniel Oreokel, Jesse Jonathan, Artee Tellei, Ray Rumong, Jackery Ngilgii, Slate Bowie S. Andrew, Daily Kinto, Dexter Reklai Hamo, and Blain Siliang. These team members are also part of the PCC softball team.

PCC would like to congratulate its baseball team on their recent win. We wish you all the best of luck in your future games!

PALAU MAJOR LEAGUE - 2014 SEASON (1ST ROUND)

3/06/14 - Thursday	Airai vs. PCC Mesekius
3/08/14 - Saturday	Ngerbeched vs. PCC Mesekius

20th Charter Day Celebration

The Charter Day Committee, chaired by Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Vice President Thomas Taro, has confirmed that the 20th Charter Day celebration will be held on Friday, April 04, 2014. Recognizing that this year's celebration marks the 20th birthday of the college, the committee has adopted this year's theme as "STRENGTH THROUGH DIVERSITY AND TEAM WORK" which recognizes, appreciates, and embraces the diversity of the PCC student body and personnel. In addition, it recognizes how the school utilizes such diversity in respond to whatever services the communities present.

The committee has already prepared daytime activities as well as the President's Run/Walk and the assignment of team members. All students and staff will be evenly divided in six (6) teams; each team will have designated team captains (staff) and a co-captain (student); and the teams will have designated color and name for the purpose of awarding points. In addition, there will be a Fishing Derby that will take place on three (3) boats each with two (2) male and three (3) female from each of the five teams. Team points will be awarded based on the total of weight of catch. Catches will be sold at the PCC Cafeteria with proceeds going to the PCC Endowment Fund.

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

VAT Hearing at Palau Community College



The OEK Panel during the VAT Hearing at the PCC Assembly Hall.

On Wednesday, March 05, 2014 a public hearing was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall for the proposed tax reform (Senate Bill No.9-14) that will implement a Value Added Tax (VAT) system in the island. Officials from the 9th Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) present at the hearing included Senator Surangel Whipps Jr., Senator Rukebai K. Inabo, Peleliu Delegate Jonathan Isechal, and Ngatpang Delegate Lee Otobed. Rhinehart Silas, the Director of the Tax & Revenue Division of the Ministry of Finance, was also present at the hearing.

VAT is a form of consumption tax. Instead of placing a gross revenue tax at every transaction level, currently implied by the current gross revenue tax, VAT will instead impose a tax only at one level: the point of purchase by the consumer. From the perspective of the buyer, it is a tax on the purchase price. From the perspective of the seller, it is a tax only on the “value added” to a product, material, or service.

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McREL 2014 Data Training Series

contributed by Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) Deikola Olikong

Palau Data Training 1: Developing a Research Question and Exploring Data Quality was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall from March 03 to 04, 2014. This training was made possible by McREL Pacific Center for Changing the Odds. McREL Principal Consultant Dr. Robin Wisniewski, Principal Consultant and McREL Senior Consultant Dr. Aime Black were the trainers. They were assisted by Ms. Daisy Carreon of REL Pacific Honolulu-based Office and the REL Pacific Palau Local Base Consultant (LBC) Dr. Isebong Asang.

Participants of the training came from PCC led by Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) Deikola Olikong of the Accreditation Office; the Ministry of Education led by Chief Ray Mechol of the Division of Research and Evaluation; and the Ministry of Health led by Acting Administrator Kliu Basilius of the Health Policy Research and Development.

McREL TRAINING, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Participants of the McREL 2014 Data Training Series in Palau.

Palau Community College San Diego State University (SDSU)

MASTER OF ARTS in PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

San Diego State University in partnership with Palau Community College (PCC) will be offering a Master of Arts Degree in Public Administration program scheduled to begin in Fall 2014. This proposed MA Cohort Program will enroll 25 to 30 eligible students.

Application Deadline: March 14, 2014

Interested Applicants can contact Dean Sherman Daniel at the following number:

488-2471 ext. 269

FIT PALAU **5K “Get Lucky” Run/Walk**

FIT PALAU will be hosting a “Get Lucky” 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, March 08, 2014 in honor of St. Patrick’s Day! It will also be collecting donations in the form of school supplies for students at PCC at the event. While participation is not required, donations will be greatly appreciated! Please, come on out, get some exercise, donate to a good cause, and see how lucky you get this St. Patrick’s Day!

Saturday, March 08, 2014
PCC Track & Field
5:30AM

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 7:30AM - 7PM

Saturday 9AM - 6PM

Sunday CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: DISCOVERY GIRLS MAGAZINE



"Discovery Girls Magazine is a bimonthly American pre-teen magazine for girls ages 8-12. Its goal is to be a magazine "by girls, for girls," and honestly address the issues faced by tween girls. Most of the regular features contain content sent in by readers. These features include: The Worst Day, Embarrassing Moments, Ask Ali, Health & Beauty Advice, The Great Debate, and Mailbag."

Academic Calendar: Spring 2014

March 10-14 (M-F)

SPRING BREAK for STUDENTS!

March 10-14 (M-F)

PCC Vocational & Technical
Education Awareness Week

March 14 (F)

Holiday: YOUTH DAY!

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 dilubch@gmail.com or tchuziet@gmail.com.

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

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The "value added" to a product by a business is the sale price charged to its customer minus the cost of materials and other taxable inputs. The buy remits to the government the difference between these two amounts and retains the rest to offset the taxes that had been previously paid on the inputs.

A Tax Review Task Force was established in 2007 to review Palau's taxation system. According to the Task Force, the current taxation system being implemented harms small and new businesses by requiring tax payments at numerous stages in the retail and service process. The Tax Review Task Force recommended the change to a VAT taxation system in order to eliminate the double taxation system, retain a simple taxing system for small business owners, eliminate incentives to manipulate the double taxation system, foster small business growth, encourage the development of new businesses, and entice foreign businesses and invest in Palau.

During the hearing held at PCC, the OEK Panel was given the opportunity to answer questions about the VAT taxing system. In addition, packets were given to each audience member containing information about the system. Countries currently implementing the VAT taxing system include the Philippines, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, and almost all countries that comprise the European Union (EU).

McREL Training CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

There were about 35 participants during the two-day training where the three (3) agencies were required to work in teams to narrow down their research questions by identifying priority topics, identifying what questions to ask, and concluding the training with one focused question for the first research and list of data to focus during their research.

There are four (4) more trainings to be conducted this year in Palau and the Palau Data Training 2: Choosing and Conducting Appropriate Analyses will be taking place from April 16 to April 17, 2014. The Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, and PCC will continue to attend the other training sessions throughout the year.

Palau Community College Vocational/Technical Education Awareness Week

Palau Community College will be hosting its Vocational/Technical Education Awareness Week from March 11, 2014 (Monday) to March 14, 2014 (Friday). The Awareness Week falls will take place during the PCC Students' Spring Break; it will also cover the Youth Day holiday on Friday. During the Awareness Week, high school students from all over Palau will be invited to learn about the different programs offered at the college. Students will also be given the chance to explore the college campus, classrooms, and areas (such as the science laboratories). All high school students are courteously invited to participate!

ALUMNI NOTES

BRIDGET W. ADACHI

(Class of 2013)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

"It's never too late to learn. Become more knowledgeable in everything you do!"



Bridget has been working as an Administrative Officer for the Palau Community Health Center for the past seven years. She graduated from PCC in 2013 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration.

LORENA MYUKI

(Class of 1993)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

"School helps you secure a job of your choice!"



Lorena received a Certificate of Completion for Business Accounting from MOC in 1993. Since 1995, she has been working as an Accounting Technician/Cashier for the Clerk of Courts.

ALBINO ESOAILUG

(Class of 2012)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - CARPENTRY

"Study hard and never give up!"



Albino graduated from PCC in 2012 with an AAS Degree in Carpentry. He currently works for the PCC Maintenance Department.

GOODWILL SOFTBALL LEAGUE

DATE	PCC GAME-LISTING:	TIME
March 08, 2014	KSG-RANGERS vs PCC	7:00 PM
March 10, 2014	PCC vs PPUC	8:00 PM
March 12, 2014	LAWMEN vs PCC	8:00 PM
March 19, 2014	PCC vs MOF	7:00 PM

CONDOLENCES

The Palau Community College Family would like to express its deepest condolences to the family of its former Food Service Coordinator, Ms. Rosita Weilbacher. Ms. Weilbacher passed away last Friday (February 28, 2014) while undergoing medical treatment in the Philippines. She is a graduate of the Micronesia Occupational College (MOC) Class of 1983 and assumed the position of Cook at the college for 24 years. In addition, Ms. Weilbacher also volunteered as a Mentor/Advisor for the FSM students attending PCC. Her determination to serve the community did not daunt her as she became a very prominent leader in our community through her support and participation in many social events. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family during their most difficult time of sorrow and grief.

Celebrating Birthdays

Deikola Olikong	March 08
William T. Mitchell	March 12
Thomas Taro	March 13
Gibson Towai	March 13
E-Van Ongrung	March 13



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Vacancy Announcement

- English Instructor**
(Learning Resource Center)
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- Adjunct Instructors**
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.
- Nursing Instructor**
(Academic Affairs Office)
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 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>

PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer

PCC Endowment Fund

INVEST IN THE FUTURE
OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

P.O. BOX 9 Koror, Palau 96940
Phone: 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251/253)
e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

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

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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.