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# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## Nature Presentations at Palau Community College



*UoR Professor Yoko Fujita presenting at the integrated discussion at PCC.*

An integrated discussion on the connectivity between nature and human society was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall on Monday, March 17, 2014. The panel discussion was chaired by PICRC CEO Dr. Yimnang Golbuu and Dr. Makoto Tsuchiya. Participating in the discussion were representatives from the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) and the University of the Ryukyus (UoR).

The discussion opened with welcoming remarks from PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. Following President Tellei's welcome, Protected Areas Network (PAN) Program Manager King Sam opened the discussion with a presentation about the protected areas network in Palau.

Mr. Sam was followed by Yoko Fujita, UoR Professor for the International Institute of Okinawan Studies. Professor Fujita discussed the economical benefits of environmental conservation, specifically its influences on tourism and fishery. She was followed by Ilebrang Olkeriil, the Coastal Management Officer/Campaign Manager of the Koror State Government's Department of Conservation and Law Enforcement.

NATURE PRESENTATIONS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### PCC Hosts Health Presentation

A health presentation was held at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall on Friday, March 07, 2014. The presentation covered topics about the effects of betelnut chewing, oral health, and the advantage of Japanese diets.

Dr. Shiro Yamamoto, a lecturer at the Osaka Kyoiku University in Japan and specialist in dental health, discussed studies that supported the fact that betelnut chewing increases the risk of cancer. He quoted studies that focused on the use of tobacco in betelnut chewing.

Dr. Yamamoto also discussed the benefits of a traditional Japanese diet which consists mostly of fish, vegetables, and fruit. According to studies conducted in Japan, the life expectancy of a Japanese person is about seventy years old. Dr. Yamamoto encouraged the practice of a Japanese diet as it is considered one of the healthiest diets worldwide.



*Dr. Shiro Yamamoto in his health presentation.*

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## PAL Holds BBQ Lunch Plate Fundraiser

contributed by Librarian David Thompson

A BBQ lunch plate fundraiser was held last Thursday, March 06, 2014 behind the Tan Siu Lin Library on the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). Library staff and members of the Palau Association of Libraries (PAL) held the event to raise funds for a major library and museum conference scheduled to take place in Palau this coming November.

Each lunch plate contained two pieces of barbecued chicken, a hotdog, red rice, cucumber salad, and an orange slice. Fundraiser volunteers arrived very early in order to finish the barbecue by mid-morning and ready the lunch plates for pick up or delivered by lunchtime. Last week's fundraiser sold over 150 lunches.

PAL will be holding BBQ Lunch Plate fundraisers each month up until the conference in November. The next fundraiser is scheduled for April 17, 2014. Come to the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library to buy your \$5 ticket or call (488-3540) for more information!



Volunteers preparing the lunch plates during the PAL Fundraiser.

## PCC Dorm Male Residents' Retreat



PCC Dorm Male Residents enjoying their retreat.

During Spring Break, the male residents of the Palau Community College (PCC) dormitories held a retreat in Ngermeskang, Ngeremlengui. The retreat took place on Thursday (March 13, 2014) and Friday (March 14, 2014) with a total of seventy (70) participating students. Accompanied by Dorm Manager Ephraim Ngirachitei and Counselor Winfred Recheiungel, the students spent their retreat at the Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) facilities in Ngeremlengui.

The focus of the male dorm residents' retreat was appreciation and sustainability of the Pacific's natural resources. While spending the night at the CRE facilities, the dorm students were given presentations about climate change and its effects on the land and water resources of the Pacific region. The next day, a trip was taken to Tabcheding Waterfall where the students spent the morning swimming as well as cleaning the area. The students returned to the PCC dormitories on Friday afternoon.

The students would like to thank Dorm Manager Ngirachitei, Counselor Recheiungel, Vice President Thomas Taro, Dean Sherman Daniel, Student Life Director Hilda Reklai, and other staff members for making the retreat possible! RETREAT, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

## DAVID WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications available at the  
PCC Development Office!

**\*Deadline: April 18, 2014\***

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



[pcc.palau.edu](http://pcc.palau.edu)



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# BITS AND PIECES...

## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 7:30AM - 7PM

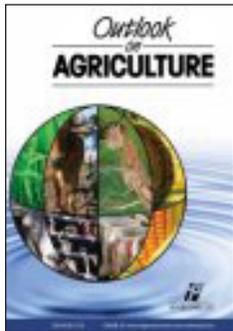
Saturday 9AM - 6PM

Sunday CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

### OUTLOOK ON AGRICULTURE MAGAZINE



"Outlook on Agriculture Magazine (published quarterly) provides analysis, reviews, and commentary for an international and interdisciplinary readership. Special attention is paid to agricultural policy, international trade in the agricultural sector, strategic developments in food production, the role of agriculture in social and economic development, agriculture in developing countries, and environmental issues."

### Academic Calendar: Spring 2014

**March 21 (F)**

LAST DAY for all Withdrawals

**March 24-26 (M-W)**

Summer 2014 Pre-Registration

**April 02 (W)**

PCC Charter Day

**April 04 (F)**

PCC Charter Day Celebration

### News/Stories Wanted

MESEKIUS 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](mailto:dilubch@gmail.com) or [tchuziet@gmail.com](mailto:tchuziet@gmail.com).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

## Nature Presentations CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Ms. Olkeriil focused her discussion on the management of the world renowned rock islands southern lagoon area.

The next speaker was UoR Assistant Professor Kaoruko Miyakuni who discussed issues about tourism and the natural environment which included a variety of research topics. PICRC Researcher Noelle W. Oldias discussed the ramification and over-population of rock islands southern lagoon including fish stock. Ms. Oldias was followed by a discussion about fishery issues and management in Palau presented by Steven Victor. UoR Professor Izumi Mimura discussed the dynamics of nutrients and organic materials in a watershed and coastal ecosystems. The discussion ended with a final presentation from Lynna Thomas who focused on issues facing watersheds in Palau.

## Retreat CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2



Students with the guest speakers after presentations about climate change.



Male dorm residents ready for the departure back to Koror.



PCC students enjoying the morning at Tabcheding Waterfall.



Students enjoying a movie night at the CRE facilities in Ngeremlengui.

## Faculty-Senate Association (FSA) Scholarship SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015

The Faculty-Senate Association (FSA) Scholarship for the school year 2014-2015 is now available! Application forms can be picked up at the Palau Community College (PCC) - Development Office.

**DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2014**

## ALUMNI NOTES

### WILLA ANTONIO

(Class of 2011)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

*"Study hard!"*



Willa graduated in 2011 with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. She currently works as a Family Service Worker for the Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA).

### SETH TECHITONG

(Class of 2013)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - CONSTRUCTION TECH.

*"School is a foundation for a better future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes you've made; you can correct failures and obtain success!"*



Seth graduated in 2013 with an AAS Degree in Construction Technology. He currently works for the Building & Zone Division of the Koror State Government.

### SAMANTHA RECHELUUL

(Class of 2011)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - AUTO MECHANICS TECH.

*"Stay in school and study hard."*



Samantha graduated in 2011 with an AAS Degree in Automotive Mechanics Technology. She interned at the WEST Auto Repair Shop before being hired by the Koror State Rangers Offices as a Mechanic. This former student continues her active participation in sports such as softball and wrestling.



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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.

## Palau Community College Charter Day: Activities Update



Members of the Charter Day Committee busy at work preparing for the celebration.

The committee in charge of the Palau Community College (PCC) 20th Charter Day celebration met again to finalize the activities for the event. Activities included in the celebration are a 50-Meter Relay Race, Target-Spearing, a Three-Legged Race, Target-Throwing, Coconut Husking, Coconut Grinding, Balloon Tossing, Musical Chair, and Dizzy-Izzy. A Fishing Derby has also been planned for the staff, faculty, and students of the college. At the end of the day teams will be awarded first, second, and third place trophies based on the overall team standings. The committee also finalized the starting time and registration time for the traditional President's Walk/Run race. The 20th PCC Charter Day celebration is set for Friday, April 04, 2014. The entire college, from Trustees to staff to students, have been divided into six teams. Find out what team you are on by visiting the campus bulletin boards.

### Celebrating Birthdays

Gabriel Sekool



March 22

**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) *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](mailto:hr@palau.edu) or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>

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### PCC Endowment Fund

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

**TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!**

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e-mail: [tellei@palau.edu](mailto:tellei@palau.edu)

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

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