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# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## Pacific Islands Forum Hosts Meetings at PCC



President Mori (front, center) and the FSM Delegation attending meetings at PCC.

Palau Community College (PCC) hosted meetings for the Pacific Islands Forum beginning with the Small Islands Forum on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 and ending with the Post-Forum Dialogue on Friday, August 01, 2014. Leaders of the small island states met with key dialogue partners as well as other island nation leaders to discuss regional issues, such as the Framework of the Pacific Regionalism and the Third International Conference of the Small Islands Developing States. The bilateral meetings were held at the PCC Assembly Hall, the Conference Room of the Tan Siu Lin Library, the PCC Conference Room, Chibokill Building, the PCC Cafeteria, and college classrooms of the Sebus and Smuuch buildings.

The theme for this year's Pacific Islands Forum is *The Ocean: Life & Future* which reflects the need for Pacific islands to preserve their largest natural resource. Currently, island nations such as Palau are taking steps towards the preservation of marine life by creating natural reserve areas and promoting fishing restrictions. PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### Australian Delegation Tours PTHSE

On Thursday, July 31, 2014 a delegation from Australia toured the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence of Palau Community College (PCC). The delegation included Senator Brett Mason of Queensland, Australia who is also the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador Dr. Terry Beven. Ambassador Beven is the Australian Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and the Republic of Palau (ROP).

The tour began with a meeting that included the delegation, members of the Belau Tourism Association (BTA), and PCC representatives. Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui welcomed everyone. He was followed by the opening remarks of PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. Special remarks were then given by Senator Mason and Ambassador Beven followed by a tour led by students of the tourism & hospitality program.



Australian delegation with representatives from PCC and the Belau Tourism Association (BTA).

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## United Nations Coordinators Visit PCC

On Friday, July 25, 2014 coordinators from the United Nations (UN) visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). Osnat Lubrani and Sharon Sakuma met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to discuss educational issues in Palau. Ms. Lubrani is the Resident Representative for the Development Programme of the United Nations. She is also the Resident Coordinator for the United Nations System's Operational Activities. Ms. Sakuma is the Country Development Manager for the Republic of Palau. Countries under the Development Programme for the Pacific included the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Palau.



(left to right): Country Development Manager Sharon Sakuma, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, and Resident Coordinator for the UN System Operational Activities Osnat Lubrani.

### **CHUUK STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

The Chuuk Student Organization (CSO) of Palau Community College (PCC) is soliciting requests for work as a means of raising funds for its students' activities. Requests may include miscellaneous duties, such as yard cleaning or similar work. If you are interested in hiring the Chuuk Student Organization, please contact Dickson Utha at the PCC Dormitories.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
Dickson Utha  
tel: 488-3074 (PCC Dormitories)

## Marine Ecological Monitoring Course

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center



PICRC Researcher Lincoln Rehm conducting an underwater transect survey in Ngeruangel reef.

Palau Community College (PCC), the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), and the Protected Areas Network (PAN) Office are collaborating to offer a course on ecological monitoring of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) for Palau's state conservation officers. The course will be hosted at PICRC from August 11, 2014 to 22, 2014.

The course will cover the key fundamentals of ecological monitoring that uses the standardized protocol to assess the effectiveness of MPAs in Palau. Utilizing both theory and field practices, the course aims to increase the competency of state conservation officers to collect, assemble and analyze basic field data.

The content of the course includes lectures about monitoring MPAs, methods used to measure the different ecological indicators, group exercises, field practices, and assessments. At the end of the course, participants will hold a presentation on the data they collected from the MPA that was surveyed during field practices. They will also demonstrate what they have learned and achieved throughout the two-week course.

The course contains a total of six competencies in which four are theory-based. Participants are expected to fully understand the objectives of ecological monitoring, the steps to follow when conducting ecological monitoring, how to develop a sampling design, and the methods used to measure the selected ecological indicators. The grading system will range from three (3) for excellence, two (2) for average, and one (1) for unacceptable. ECOLOGICAL COURSE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

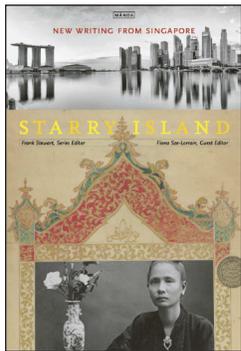
#### Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday	7:30 <sup>AM</sup> - 7 <sup>PM</sup>
Saturday	9 <sup>AM</sup> - 6 <sup>PM</sup>
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

#### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

#### MANOA JOURNAL



"Manoa: A Pacific Journal of International Writing is published in Hawaii and features pieces from different parts of the world."

#### Academic Calendar: Fall 2014

##### August 11-13 (M-W)

Regular Registration Period

##### August 14-15 (TH-F)

Late Registration Period

##### August 18 (M)

First Day of Instruction

#### Mesekiu's News: Corrections

**Mesekiu's News Vol. 16, Issue 30** mistakenly named its recent Endowment Fund Donor as Berlyne Celestine. She is actually Echerii Ngeluk. *Mesekiu's News* apologizes for the error.

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

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

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

#### Pacific Islands Forum CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Leaders participating in the forum will discuss the possibility of forming a region-wide commitment to the preservation of the Pacific Ocean and its marine environment.

The Pacific Islands Forum is an annual meeting of sixteen (16) independent and self-governing nations in the Pacific region. It was founded in 1971 as the South Pacific Forum by the nations of Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Tonga, and Samoa. In 2000, the forum changed its name to better reflect the geographic location of all its members. Members of the forum include Australia, Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

Over three-hundred dignitaries are participating in this year's Pacific Islands Forum being hosted in Palau. The dignitaries include leaders, ministers, government officials, forum observers, forum development partners, and representatives of the Council of Regional Organizations in the Pacific (CROP). The annual forum meetings are chaired by the head of government of the host country who remains as forum chair until the next meeting.

#### Ecological Course CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

For the theory competencies, participants will be expected to pass with a minimum grade of two (2) points. For the field and data analysis competencies, grading will be more flexible as this will require long hours of practice before being competent in measurement of all ecological indicators and data management.

The course is designed to provide training that builds on the capacity of local conservation officers to collect and analyze marine ecological data. Data collected at PAN marine sites in Palau will be used to assess their effectiveness over time and allow managers to make better decisions about their design and enforcement. This course is open to conservation officers from states with marine PAN sites.

Interested participants should have at least a high school diploma and be able to swim/snorkel. Training on SCUBA will be provided before the start of the course. Due to logistical constraints, this pilot course will only accept a limited number of conservation officers from states that have marine PAN site(s). If this pilot course is successful and additional course are needed, they will be offered in the future.

For more information about the course, please contact Ms. Geraldine Rengiil at 488-6850 or e-mail at [grengiil@picrc.org](mailto:grengiil@picrc.org).

PICRC is committed to guiding efforts in supporting coral reef stewardship through research and its applications for the people of Palau, Micronesia, and the world. For more information about the Research and Aquarium Programs of PICRC, visit [www.picrc.org](http://www.picrc.org) or "Like" PICRC on Facebook.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### JEWISH O. NGIRAIKELAU

(Class of 2011)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

*"You are bound to make mistakes in life but the people who succeed know how to learn from their mistakes. Mistakes are the best teachers!"*



Jewish graduated with an AAS Degree in Office Administration. He currently works as a Lab Manager for Airai Elementary School and a Ticket Agent for Delta Airlines. Mr. Ngirai Kelau is also continuing his education through a cohort of the Ministry of Education.

### UCHELIU A. FILIBERT

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS

*"Don't give up regardless of the difficulties life gives you."*



Ucheliu graduated in 2014 with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. Currently, she plans to work before continuing her education at Cornell University in New York.

### AMBER S. YOBECH

(Class of 2014)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

*"College is the time to find your passion so don't hesitate to explore the options or try new opportunities."*



Amber graduated in 2014 with an AS Degree in Agricultural Science and interned at Quarantine. Ms. Yobech is also an Olympic Swimmer who has represented Palau in sporting events such as the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.



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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.

## Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Echerii Ngeluk. Ms. Ngeluk works for the Ngardmau State Government. Thank you, Ms. Ngeluk, for your generous contribution to Palau's only institute of higher learning! Your donation will help sustain the future stability and programs of Palau Community College.

### Celebrating Birthdays

Jolene Joseph	August 04
John J. Tasurmwai	August 04
Johvanna Yaoch	August 05
Kesina K. Tadao	August 05



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- 1) *Nursing Instructor*  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- 2) *Instructional Assistant, Construction Technology*  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- 3) *Small Engine Instructor*  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- 4) *Education Program Instructor*  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- 5) *Tourism & Hospitality Instructor*  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- 6) *Adjunct Instructors*  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: determined by class credits,  
educational level, and experience
- 7) *Cook*  
(Cafeteria - Administration Department)  
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 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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