Pacific Islands Forum Hosts 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 1, 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.
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.

Marine Ecological Monitoring Course

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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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 or “Like” PICRC on Facebook.
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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  
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT  
1) Nursing Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
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salary range: $16,010 - $28,280 per annum  
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(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: $16,010 - $28,280 per annum  
(5) Tourism & Hospitality Instructor  
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salary range: $16,010 - $28,280 per annum  
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(Academic Affairs Division)  
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(Cafeteria - Administration Department)  
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We would like to feature you in future Mesekiu’s News issues.