CRE Participates in Farmers’ Association Showcase

The Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department of Palau Community College (PCC) participated in a showcase for the Palau-Taiwan Farmers’ Association (PTFA) on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. CRE set up booths that featured its current agriculture, food technology, and aquaculture projects. Also participating in the event were Dr. Robert V. Bishop of the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) and representatives from the Belau National Museum.

Information showcased by CRE included recipes that used local produce as ingredients in nutritious meals, steps to starting small-scale farm projects especially in urban home settings, and posters explaining the importance of aquaculture. A raffle drawing in the afternoon allowed members of the community to win breadfruit plants that were grown at the CRE facility in Ngeremlengui. The PTFA Showcase promoted the distribution of local products via methods applicable in Palau.

LRC Undergoes Renovations

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) of Palau Community College (PCC) is currently undergoing renovations. The room that serves as a study area is being rewired and its floor is being replaced. In addition, the walls were stripped away and replaced with better material. Palau Community College would like to thank the maintenance workers for improving the tutoring facility. The Learning Resource Center is an important part of the college. It provides academic & non-academic services that identify and support student learning. The center offers tutoring sessions, PCC placement testing, institutional TOEFL testing, and counseling for students transferring to four-year universities/colleges. LRC also administers the Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) program.

Happy Valentine’s Day!
Recruitment and Financial Aid Night

Representatives from Palau Community College (PCC) held recruitment & financial aid sessions from January 23 to 30, 2015. The college representatives from the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid consisted of Director Dahlia M. Katosang and her staff. In the span of eight days, Director Katosang and her staff were busy with recruitments at the local high schools during the day and financial aid sessions in the evenings.

Topics discussed during the recruitment meetings included PCC academic programs, services, and admissions requirements. Admissions application forms were distributed and filled, with the assistance of college personnel, by interested high school seniors.

During financial aid night sessions, the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid staff met with the seniors and their parents. The meetings provided information about topics such as the federal student aid programs and eligibility requirements. Financial aid forms were also distributed to and completed by interested seniors.

PCC was able to reach 214 (81%) of the 265 seniors for recruitment sessions and 156 (59%) for the financial aid night sessions. As part of the recruitment activities, the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid will continue to contact students who were not able to attend the sessions, provide information, and assist those interested in applying to PCC.

For more information or inquiries regarding Admissions & Financial Aid for the 2015-2016 School Year, contact the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid at 488-2470, ext. 235.

A Message to the Students from Student Life:

“Director Hilda N. Reklai and the academic advisors/counselors of the Student Life & Housing Unit would like to remind all students that it is the fourth week of the spring semester. In two weeks, mid-term examinations will be taken. Until then, Director Reklai and the counselors would like to encourage all PCC students to attend their classes and try their best. Attendance is just as important as performance! If any student needs assistance, the counselors of Student Life are more than happy to help! Also, the Learning Resource Center (LRC) is always open to anyone who needs tutoring.”

“Happiness does not come from doing easy work but from the afterglow of satisfaction that comes after the achievement of a difficult task that demanded our best.”

- THEODORE ISAAC RUBIN
**Bits and Pieces...**

**Tan Siu Lin PCC Library**

**Hours of Operation**
- Monday to Friday: 7:30 AM - 7 PM
- Saturday: 9 AM - 6 PM
- Sunday: CLOSED

For more information, call: 488-3540.

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**Available to Interested Readers:**

**Phi Delta Kappan Magazine**

“*Phi Delta Kappan Magazine* is the flagship magazine of PDK International, a professional association for educators that focuses on tenets of service, research, and leadership. Selected Kappan articles are presented here through a content-sharing partnership with Education Week.”

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**Academic Calendar: Spring 2015**

**March 09-13 (M-F)**
- Mid-Term Period

**March 27 (F)**
- Last Day for All Withdrawals

**March 30 (M)**
- Summer 2015 Pre-Registration

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**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 welcomed.

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

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**Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund**

**2015 Taiwan ICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program**

The Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) is a strong supporter of international education and training. Each year, in collaboration with universities and post-secondary educational institutions in Taiwan, TaiwanICDF provides scholarships for specific trades and academic pursuits. The plan to promote the TaiwanICDF Scholarship Program was first started with the intent to train agricultural professionals. This was later extended to other research fields to diversify the overall scholarship program.

As of 2015, the TaiwanICDF has been cooperating with twenty-one (21) universities in thirty-four (34) programs of study. Application forms are available at:


A list of all the universities and scholarships offered is on the TaiwanICDF website. Also, a copy of the information may be obtained at the PCC Development Office: 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253.

**DEADLINE:** March 16, 2015

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**A Better World, A Brighter Future**

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**Hydroponics - A Sustainable Food Production System for Urban Areas**

**Chips, starch, and flour made from locally grown tapioca & taro**

**Breadfruit plants, grown by CRE, that were given as prizes for a raffle drawing**

**Local products made from local ingredients showcased by the Belau National Museum**

**Dr. Aurora Del Rosario (sitting) providing information about sustainable food production**

**Dr. Bishop teaching a passerby how to make treats, like candy, with local ingredients**
Sampson Sarfo is from Ghana, Africa. For over a year, he has been teaching mathematics and business courses at PCC. He holds a Master’s Degree in Economics, a Bachelor’s Degree in Business, and a four-year Certificate in Teaching. Instructor Sarfo has taught mathematics and business areas, specifically in the fields of accounting & financing. He is a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Group and is the Chairman for the Health Ministry Organization. Mr. Sarfo enjoys reading, singing, and playing the guitar in his free time.

**Kereng Ikerdeu**
(Class of 2013)
**Associate of Science - Information Technology**
“...As the saying goes: ‘It doesn’t matter how slow you are going as long as you don’t stop.’”

Kereng graduated in 2013 with an AS Degree in Information Technology. After graduating, she worked as a Sales Marketing Manager for three months. Currently, Ms. Ikerdeu works as a Computer Technician for the Palau Supreme Court.

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to give a belated welcome to the newest member of the Talent Search Program staff, Thomas Borja. Mr. Borja is working for Talent Search as an Academic Advisor/Counselor. He is an alumnus of the college and holds an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts. Mr. Borja also holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from San Diego State University.