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# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## *Traditional Knowledge and Wisdom* Book Launching at PCC



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei giving his remarks at the book launching event

On Friday, March 20, 2015 a book launching event for the *Traditional Knowledge and Wisdom: Themes from the Pacific Islands* was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). The newly published book is a compilation of articles about unique cultural practices and traditions of different islands in the Pacific region. The contributors from Palau are Maked Bebes, Josepha Kintoki, Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg, Ann Kloulechad Singeo, Lynda D. Tellames, Julita Tellei, and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.

The event began with an opening prayer from *Renguul* Peter Elchhuus, a historian from Melekeok State. He was followed by an *chesols* (traditional chant) from George B. Harris Elementary School Seventh Grader Kerruul Bryce Bonicacio.

Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg, the former Minister of Community & Cultural Affairs (MCAA), gave her remarks about the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Convention for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH). BOOK LAUNCHING, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### BHS Students Tour PCC Library

A group of students and their teacher from Bethania High School (BHS) toured the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. The group consisted of sophomore and junior students. During their tour, the PCC library staff was on hand to teach the students how to access and use the online library catalog. The online library catalog is a database that contains a list of books, magazine, and other reading materials available at the PCC Library. Also included in the online catalog are listings from other libraries in Palau, such as the libraries at the Belau National Museum and the Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK). The students' tour also included an introduction to the many learning resources available at the PCC Library. After visiting PCC, the BHS students toured the Palau Public Library.



Bethania High School students and their teacher posing in front of the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

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

## 2015 PCC Male Residents' Dorm Retreat

contributed by Student Life Counselor Winfred Recheiungel

As part of its annual calendar of events, the Student Life & Housing Unit of Palau Community College (PCC) held a retreat for the male residents of the dormitories. The two-day retreat was on Sunday, March 15, 2015 and Monday, March 16, 2015. Through much planning and coordinating, Dorm Managers Ephraim Ngirachitei and Bellarmino Fagolur along with Student Life Counselor Winfred Recheiungel as well as other staff members were able to take more than eighty (80) male students to visit the Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) facilities and grounds in Ngermeskang, Ngeremlengui. They also toured the Tabcheding Waterfall in Ngatpang before they returned to the college campus.

“Food Security & History of CRE” was the theme for this year’s male residents’ dorm retreat. CRE Vice President Thomas Taro was the guest speaker at Ngeremlengui. His presentation focused on food security in the region of Micronesia and a brief history of the PCC-CRE program. The students learned the importance of growing crops (i.e. taro, tapioca, breadfruit, tropical fruits, and vegetables) and eliminating dependence on imported goods like rice and canned goods. They learned that growing their own food is vital not only for consumption but also as a source of income as well as economic growth. Students also learned about CRE research programs on crop resilience and mitigation.

The students then enjoyed barbecue fish which was provided by Vice President Taro. On Monday, the students spent the day at the Tabcheding Waterfall before returning to Koror. RETREAT, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Dorm students spending the afternoon at the Tabcheding Waterfall

## PCC Receives Book Donation



(left to right): PCC Director of Library Services James Thull and PCC Library Technician Pioria W. Asito receiving a book donation from Ethnographer Meked Besebes

On Friday, March 20, 2015 the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library received a copy of the newly published *Traditional Knowledge and Wisdom: Themes from the Pacific Islands* from Cultural Anthropologist/Ethnographer Meked Besebes. Articles about the Palauan culture written by Ms. Besebes, as well as other Palauans including PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, are featured in the book.

## 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL SMALL GRANT

Apply for the 2015 Environmental Small Grant! Interested individuals may receive no less than \$25,000 for projects, especially projects that incorporate the following:

- 1) Focus on biodiversity (marine & Terrestrial) conservation, oceans protection (posts are encouraged to seek projects focused on illegal, unreported, and unregulated [IUU] fishing), and climate change adaptation
- 2) Are from countries without current broadly-based bilateral assistance programs in the environmental area
- 3) Are multi-national or regional in nature, although bilateral proposals with high potential for replicability in the region will also be considered
- 4) Lend themselves more readily to public diplomacy campaigns or that have some high visibility to the local public

Applicants should demonstrate relevant experience by including (in their proposals) information about key personnel who have appropriate background in subject areas. Proposals should also demonstrate cost effectiveness of the proposed project including, when possible, a cost share or an in-kind contribution by the applicant or potential partners. To be considered for funding, a project's period of performance must be no longer than two years.

All applicants are required to make their submissions to the US Embassy in Palau using Standard Form 424 (<http://aopefa.a.state.gov/Content/documents/SF424-V2.0.pdf>). Forms are also available to the PCC Development Office (488-2470/2471 ext. 253).

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08, 2015**



# BITS AND PIECES...

## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday 7:30<sup>AM</sup> - 7<sup>PM</sup>

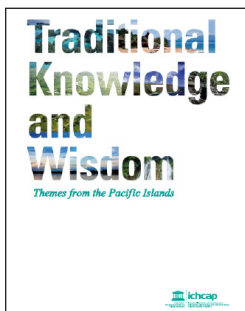
Friday 7:30<sup>AM</sup> - 5<sup>PM</sup>

Saturday 9<sup>AM</sup> - 6<sup>PM</sup>

Sunday CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

**AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:**  
**TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM:**  
**THEMES FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS**



"This publication compiles informative articles on traditional knowledge from Fiji, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Tonga, Palau, Papua New Guinea (PNG), and Vanuatu under five themes: world views, relationships & social cohesion, harvest & landscapes, voyaging & seascapes, and art & technology. Published within the framework of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Safeguarding Programme in the Pacific, this publication sheds light on unique cultural practices and expressions of the indigenous peoples in the Pacific that have supported the strength of communities and contributed to unifying islands in the region."

## Academic Calendar: Spring 2015

**March 27 (F)**

Last Day for All Withdrawals

**March 30 (M)**

Summer 2015 Pre-Registration

**May 15 (F)**

Last Day of Instruction

## News/Stories Wanted

*Mesekiw's News* welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Wednesday 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.

## Book Launching CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Published by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific (INHCAP), the new book was made possible through the support of UNESCO and its framework for Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Safeguarding Programme in the Pacific region.

Ms. Rehuher-Marugg was followed by Secilil Edebechel, the Chief of Staff for the President of the Republic of Palau Tommy Remengesau, Jr. Mr. Edebechel spoke on behalf of President Remengesau and commended those involved in the publication of the book. He stated how the book is a step towards preserving the core of Palau's traditions for future generations.

In his remarks that followed, PCC President Dr. Tellei introduced the Palauan Studies Program that will be offered at the college this coming fall semester. He explained how modern distractions, such as smartphones and electronic devices, can hinder the learning of cultural traditions. The Palauan Studies Program will be a pillar that keeps traditional knowledge alive in Palau's modern society.

The evening ended with closing remarks from Ethnographer Maked Bebes and Director of the Bureau of Arts & Culture Sunny Ngirmang. They were followed by dance performances from Koror Elementary School and the PCC Yap Student Organization.



Delal a Ngloik performance courtesy of eighth grade students from Koror Elementary School



PCC Yap Student Organization performing a traditional stick dance

## Retreat CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The Student Life & Housing Unit would like to thank CRE Vice President Thomas Taro for allowing the students and their chaperones to use the CRE facilities. We would also like to thank Vice President Taro for being the program's guest speaker and for providing fresh fish for the students. A big thank-you also goes to the PCC Cafeteria staff who provided meals for the students' retreat. Also, the Student Life & Housing Unit would also like to recognize PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil and Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui who both supported the retreat. We would also like to thank Nena George, who was the driver, as well as Sesario Sewralur and Sherman Kermal who volunteered as additional staff support.

Without the support from all of you, the 2015 PCC Dorm Male Residents' Retreat would not have been possible. Thank you all for supporting the students!

## FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

### SHELLEY R. UEKI

ACADEMIC ADVISOR & SS-100 INSTRUCTOR

*"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."*



Counselor Shelley R. Ueki is from Spokane, Washington USA. For about three years, she has been working as a Counselor for the Student Life & Housing Unit of Palau Community College. In addition, Counselor Ueki also teaches the SS-100: Introduction to College Course. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work from the Eastern Washington University. She is a member of the *Fit Palau: CrossFit Team* and the Koror Seventh-Day Adventist (SDA) Church. Counselor Ueki enjoys watching movies, spending time with her family, and running in her free time.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### SYLVIA TMODRANG

(Class of 1999)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - SECRETARIAL SCIENCE

*"Encourage children to go to school. However difficult life may become, continue to learn. Get at least a college education so you can create a better future for yourself."*



In 1999, Sylvia graduated from PCC with an AS Degree in Secretarial Science. She currently works as an Environmental Technician for the Division of Environmental Health under the Ministry of Health (MOH). Previously, she worked as a Health Inspector for MOH.



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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 (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Bailey Eberdong. Mr. Eberdong works for the Marshals Division of the Palau Supreme Court. Thank you, Mr. Eberdong, for your contribution to Palau's only institution of higher learning! Your donation will help sustain the future stability and programs of Palau Community College.

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Instructional Assistant - Construction Technology  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- (2) Nursing Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (3) Adjunct Instructors  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.
- (4) Career/Transfer Counselor  
(Learning Resource Center - Student Service)  
salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (5) Director of Research and Development  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$18,730 - \$28,833 per annum
- (6) Administrative Assistant  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$10,929 - \$18,692 per annum

For application forms and information, contact Harline Haruo at the PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/2471 extension 227, or e-mail: [hr@palau.edu](mailto:hr@palau.edu), or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

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## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA): 2015 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING PROGRAM

The WIA Office is currently opening its doors for applications to its 2015 Summer Youth Employment & Training Program. Students and young people in Palau who are currently in school (ages 14-21), who are not attending school (ages 16-24), or who have completed college but are currently unemployed may apply. Participants will learn different skills that will help them succeed in a work environment. If interested, please contact the WIA Office on week days during its working hours from 7:30am to 4:30pm. Students under the age of eighteen must apply at the WIA Office with a parent or legal guardian.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION:

- Verification of Age (birth certificate, passport, or identification card)
- Check stubs of both parents/guardians if employed, SS/Pension Plan if applicable, and/or verification of income
- 3rd Quarter Report Card or High School Diploma
- Palauan Social Security Card

**CONTACT WIA OFFICE for more information:**

**488-2513**

**(Open Week Days from 7:30am to 4:30pm)**

## Celebrating Birthdays

Keiden Kintol



March 28

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## PCC Endowment Fund

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE

OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

**TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!**

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If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, **contact us NOW!**

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