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# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## Upward Bound Program 32<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Banquet



*Recent Upward Bound Program graduates with Director Kuye Belelai (far right)*

On Thursday, July 16, 2015 the Upward Bound Program held its 32<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Banquet. All participants of the program were invited to join in the celebration. The banquet began with an opening prayer followed by remarks from Upward Bound Program Director Kuye Belelai. She congratulated the high school graduates who completed the program this year and wished them all success in their future educational endeavors.

Afterwards was the presentation of certificates. Students who participated in this summer's Japanese Language Class performed skits that showcased their language skills. The program ended with a closing prayer.

The Upward Bound Program provides fundamental support and opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college preparation and ultimately their higher education pursuits. It serves high school students from low-income families and students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelors degree. Numerous graduates of the Upward Bound Program have continued on to become successful members of the Palauan community. 32<sup>nd</sup> UPWARD GRADUATION BANQUET, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### Japanese Professors Visit PCC

Two (2) professors from Japan visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) on Tuesday, July 07, 2015. Dr. Takashi Mita (Osaka University - Associate Professor of Political Science) and Dr. Chifa Chiang (Associate Professor for the School of Medicine - Nagoya University) met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and shared information about their respective institutions. Osaka University and Nagoya University are two of the seven national universities in Japan. Both universities offer programs in various fields such as law, science, education, engineering, and environmental science. The universities are recognized worldwide. Nagoya University has produced six Nobel prize winners in science and Osaka University has worked with prominent scientists such as Nobel Laureate Hideki Yukawa.



*(left to right) Nagoya University Professor Dr. Chiang, PCC President Dr. Tellei, and Osaka University Professor Dr. Mita*

*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.*

## Red Cross Society Holds Annual Meeting



*Belau Red Cross Society members meeting at the PCC Assembly Hall*

The Red Cross Society of Palau held its annual general meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). All members were invited to participate in the discussions.

The meeting opened with a prayer from Pastor Hiob Ngirachemoi. He was followed by the welcoming remarks of Palau Red Cross Society Chairman Santy Asanuma. In his remarks, Mr. Asanuma emphasized on the important contribution and support that the society makes for Palau. He encouraged his fellow members to be committed to helping the Palau Red Cross Society succeed in its endeavors.

An orientation session then took place followed by a report of the society's current events & updates from its Executive Director Clarence Masayos. The constitution of the Palau Red Cross Society was also reviewed & adopted and new board members were nominated & elected. The annual meeting concluded with closing remarks and a prayer.

The Palau Red Cross Society is a not-for-profit humanitarian organization that was established by the Palau National Congress through the House Joint Resolution 5-24-3 on July 31, 1997. It is a recognized member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. The Palau Red Cross Society aims to serve the most vulnerable members of the community, alleviate human suffering, and contribute to the promotion of human dignity & worldwide peace. The headquarters of the Palau Red Cross Society is located at the old Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) Building in Koror. All interested individual are welcomed join the group.

## CE Starts Tour Guide Training Program

Sessions for the Tour Guide Training and Certification Program began this summer. Participants of the program are members of the Palau tourism industry, specifically tour guides who are currently employed by a tour service company in Palau. During the sessions, participants will review the Koror State Government regulations as well as learn about the historical sites and culture of Palau. They will also learn about the island's marine and terrestrial environments. Tour guides will learn the proper methods of conduct so that they may ensure that tourists safely and properly act in order to protect Palau's environment. After completing the program, participants will be certified as tour guides recognized by the Koror State Government.

The Tour Guide and Certification Program is made possible through the collaborative efforts the Continuing Education (CE) Department of Palau Community College (PCC) and the Koror State Government. Information provided in the program aims to help Koror State maintain the integrity of Palau's environmental, historical, and cultural sites.

## Development Thanks Summer Assistants



*Hannah Fakatou (back) and Kukong Udui (front)*

The Development Office of Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its summer office assistants, Kukong Udui and Hannah Fakatou. Both were working at the Development Office as part of the summer session of the Upward Bound Program. They were diligent workers who were exceptionally helpful, especially with the distribution of the college newsletter. Thank you both for your assistance and we hope to see you as PCC students around the campus in the future!

# BITS AND PIECES...

## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday 7:30AM - 7PM  
Friday 7:30AM - 5PM  
Saturday 9AM - 6PM  
Sunday CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540

### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: ASIAN DIVER MAGAZINE



"Asian Diver Magazine is made by divers, for divers. It is for the serious diver who understands the challenging lure of the deep sea, Asian Diver has become known around the world for its penetrating and unique insights into the world's richest dive regions, featured against breathtaking underwater photography."

### Academic Calendar: Summer 2015

**July 17 (F)**

Last Day of Instruction

**July 20-22 (M-W)**

Final Examination Period

### 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.

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Upward Graduation Banquet CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Director Belelai as well as the counselors & staff of the Upward Bound Program extend their best wishes to their recent graduates! May success follow all of you in the paths that you choose to follow.



Upward Bound staff cutting the 32<sup>nd</sup> Upward Program Graduation Cake



A graduate receiving an Upward Bound Program Certificate of Completion



Upward Bound Program students showcasing their Japanese language skills



Upward Bound Program students enjoying the graduation banquet

## Classified Staff Organization Clean R&D Station



PCC Classified Staff Organization (CSO) cleaning the CRE: R&D Station in Ngeremlengui

On Saturday, July 11, 2015 the Classified Staff Organization (CSO) of Palau Community College (PCC) conducted a clean-up at the Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE): Research & Development Station in Ngeremlengui. CSO members spent the day clearing the land of debris as a part of their fundraising efforts. CSO would like to recognize and thank its members who participated in the clean-up session. Thank you all for your contribution!

## FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

### SANTINI B. THOMAS

INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT - SMALL ENGINE

*"Education is the key to success."*



Santini B. Thomas was recently hired as an Instructional Assistant for the Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology Program. He is a graduate of Palau Community College Class of 2011 and holds an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Automotive Mechanics Technology. Previously, he worked as a mechanic for NECO Marine. In his free time, Instructional Assistant Thomas enjoys spending time with his friends and family.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### FRITZ KOSHIBA, JR.

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

*"Enjoy school, focus on your studies, and complete it to the best of your ability."*



Fritz Koshiba, Jr. recently graduated with an AS Degree in Business Accounting. He is currently interning at the Budget Office of the Palau Supreme Court. In the future, he plans to continue his education in the field of business.



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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, Madengerang Takeo. Ms. Takeo is a Classroom Teacher for Meyuns Elementary School. Thank you for your contribution to the PCC Endowment Fund! Your generosity will help fund future programs as well as sustain the future of Palau's only institute of higher learning.

## 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) Financial Aid Counselor  
(Student Services Division)  
salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (6) Administrative Assistant  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$10,929 - \$18,692 per annum
- (7) Admissions Counselor  
(Student Services Division)  
salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (8) Maintenance Technician (General)  
(Physical Plant - Administration Department)  
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (9) Math Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (10) Science Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (11) English Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (12) Social Science/Humanities Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Division)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 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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## Celebrating Birthdays

Don Hanser	July 17
Jalavenda P. Osima	July 20
Husto Ulengchong	July 20
Tennyson Cason	July 21
Grace Merong	July 22



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## PCC Endowment Fund

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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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

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