PCC Signs Implementing Agreement with JAMSTEC

Palau Community College (PCC) recently signed an implementing agreement with the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC). Two (2) representatives from JAMSTEC visited the campus on Monday, August 03, 2015 to finalize the agreement with the college. They met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and PCC Director of Computer & Data Processing Bruce Rimirch. The representatives from JAMSTEC were JAMSTEC - Research Center of Earthquakes & Tsunami Group Leader Yasushi Ishihara and JAMSTEC staff member Junko Yoshimitsu.

JAMSTEC is a national research institute in Japan focused on marine-earth science & technology. It aims to contribute to the advancement of academic research, in addition to the improvement of marine science & technology, by proceeding the fundamental research & development on marine, and the cooperative activities on the academic, research related to the ocean for the benefit of peace and human welfare.

Dr. Dalton Visits PCC Campus

On Wednesday, August 05, 2015 Dr. Stephanie Stoll Dalton visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). She met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to exchange updates about education information in the Pacific region. Dr. Dalton is the Director of Regional Educational Laboratory for the Pacific region (REL Pacific). REL Pacific is one of the ten (10) established regional educational laboratories under the Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL). McREL is a non-profit, non-partisan education research and development organization that turns knowledge about what works in education into practical, effective guidance, and training for K-12 teachers and education leaders across the United States of America and worldwide. REL Pacific is operated by the Honolulu-based “Pacific Center for Changing the Odds.”
Faculty Participates in ISSA Training

On Tuesday, August 04, 2015 the faculty of Palau Community College (PCC) participated in an Institutional-Set Standards for Student Achievement (ISSA) Training held at the PCC Assembly Hall. Under the United States Department of Education: 34 Code of Federal Regulations and the Eligibility Requirements of the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges (ACCJC), PCC must identify and establish institutional-set standards for student achievement.

As of March 2015, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei has approved and signed eleven (11) institutional-set standards that will be implemented this coming fall semester: (1) PCC recruits graduating seniors from all high schools in Palau; (2) PCC accepts %100 of graduating seniors who applied for and met admissions requirements; (3) PCC enrolls at least 65% of graduating seniors who applied for and met admissions requirements; (4) at least 60% of registered students will complete enrolled courses in any given semester; (5) at least 60% of registered students’ completion term to term must complete degree/certificate programs; (6) at least 55% of students will complete enrolled developmental courses in any given semester; (7) at least 70% of students will complete enrolled general education courses in given semester; (8) at least 10% of students enrolled will graduate in 2-2\(1/2\) years; (9) at least 20% of students enrolled graduate in 2-2\(1/2\) years; (10) at least 20% of students who completed degree programs will transfer to a four-year college/university; and (11) at least 50% of students who completed degree/certificate programs will enter the workforce (job placement).

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library Updates

New books, materials, and furnishings have recently been added to the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library. The Kids/Teen Corner now has a life-size ocean display and a six-foot banana, bean bag chair for the children. In addition, new books have been added to the children’s section which includes *The Story of the Little Black Sambo* by Helen Bannerman, *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin, *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Lesléa Newman, and *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. The library has also added Calvin & Hobbes comic books and an array of new manga (Japanese comic books) to its collection. New furniture added to the library’s space includes café-style chairs & table. The Tan Siu Lin PCC Library encourages all community members to come and enjoy its new additions!

New PCC Endowment Contributor

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Myla M. Oimei. Ms. Oimei works for the Palau Supreme Court. Thank you, Ms. Oimei, 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.
BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

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

For more information, call: 488-3540

Available to Interested Readers: Bulletin of Marine Science

The Bulletin of Marine Science is dedicated to the dissemination of research dealing with the waters of the world’s oceans. In most regular issues, it features separate sections on new taxa, coral reefs, and novel research gear, instrument, device, or system with potential to advance marine research.

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In collaboration with the Earthquake Research Institute of the University of Tokyo, JAMSTEC operates and manages the Pacific Seismographic Observation Network which consists of approximately twenty (20) digital broadband three (3) component seismometer stations and ten (10) geomagnetic stations in the regions of south eastern Asia and the western Pacific. PCC has cooperatively been operating two (2) broadband seismographic stations in Palau for many years.

The agreement signed between JAMSTEC and PCC establishes a co-operation in operating joint geophysical observation in Palau and developing geophysical data analysis. In Palau, there is a seismic station and a barometric station located on the PCC campus in Koror and the Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Research & Development Station in Ngeremlengui.

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Academic Calendar: Fall 2015

August 10 (M)
New Student Orientation

August 11-13 (T-TH)
Academic Advising & Registration

August 14 (F)
Late Registration

August 17 (M)
First Day of Instruction

News/Stories Wanted

Mesekiu’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 diluchb@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.
Mary M. Banphis is from the island of Yap. She has been working as a Library Assistant at the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library for two years. Her duties include maintaining the library’s collection and helping its patrons. In 2013, Ms. Banphis graduated from PCC with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Library & Information Services. She is a member of the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA). Ms. Banphis enjoys gardening in her free time.

**Alumni Notes**

**Dante C. Rengil**
(Class of 2011)
**Associate of Arts - Liberal Arts**

“Don’t be afraid of trying, especially if difficulties lie ahead; be afraid of not trying at all because that will lead you nowhere.”

Dante graduated from PCC with an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. He recently completed his studies at the University of Hawaii-Manoa where he received a Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy. He will be teaching Mathematics & English classes at the Belau Modekngei School this coming school year.

**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**
   
   (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

13. **Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor**
    
    (Academic Affairs Office)
    
    salary range: $16,010 - $28,280 per annum

14. **Twenty-Five (25) Part-Time Tutors**
    
    (Talent Search Office)
    
    salary range: $400 - $1,200 per annum

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

“PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.”

**Palau Community College: AAS Degree in Palauan Studies**

Starting Fall Semester 2015, Palau Community College will be offering an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Palauan Studies for those who are interested in learning about the Palauan culture & traditions. Classes will begin on August 24, 2015. All who are interested are encouraged to enroll!

**Enroll Now!**

For more information about the Palauan Studies Program, please contact PCC School of Arts & Science Academic Advisor Tau’o Ngirmeriil at the Student Life Office. You can also call (tel): 488-3036 or contact (email): counselors@palau.edu for additional information.

**Celebrating Birthdays**

Grace Alexander

Marlyne L. Okeriil

August 08

August 12

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

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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.