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PCC Students Return from Sophia University



(left to right): Ms. Mengiaiu Sasao, PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, and Ms. Tyra Asanuma

Recently, two (2) students from Palau Community College (PCC) participated in a short-term academic program at the Sophia University in Japan. As part of the Pacific Islands and West Indies Student Invitation Project, Mengiaiu Sasao and Tyra Asanuma spent three (3) weeks learning about the key aspects of contemporary Japan such as its language, media, and economy. Sophia University is a private Jesuit research university in the Chiyoda Ward of Tokyo, Japan. It is ranked as one of the top private universities in Japan.

This short-term academic program was sponsored by the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), a Japanese general incorporated foundation dedicated to strengthening the cooperation & mutual understanding between Japan and other countries. Ms. Sasao is a PCC student enrolled in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Disciplines Program and Ms. Asanuma is a second-year in the Information Technology Program. They were the first Palauan students selected to participate in this program.

Table-Top Gardens Distributed

The Palau Community College (PCC) Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department, in collaboration with the Solid Waste Management Office of the Koror State Government (KSG), recently distributed kang kum/nappa table-top gardens to fifty (50) home-bound community members in Palau. This project aimed to assist home-bound community members and take steps toward food security in Palau. On February 04, 2016 Palau Minister of Community & Cultural Affairs Baklai Temengil-Chilton and Ministry of Health Non-Communicable Disease Unit Program Manager Edolem Ikerdeu were invited to witness the distribution of the table-top gardens. Also present were PCC Board of Trustees member Jemmy Blelai, PCC Student Trustee Rdiall L. Tellei, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC-CRE Vice President Thomas Taro, and KSG Solid Waste Management Office Coordinator John Ngiraked, Jr. CRE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Distribution of the table-top gardens to home-bound community members in Palau

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

Recruitment & Financial Aid Meetings



PCC Director of Financial Aid & Admissions Dahlia M. Katosang meeting with the students from Palau Mission Academy

Representatives from the Palau Community College (PCC) Office of Admissions & Financial Aid, Academic Affairs Office, and the Office of Student Services conducted a series of recruitment meetings with the local high schools from February 01, 2016 to February 09, 2016. Financial aid sessions were conducted in the evenings while recruitment meetings & high school visits were conducted during the day. PCC representatives who participated in these recruitment efforts included PCC Director of Admissions & Financial Aid Dahlia M. Katosang, PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and Admissions & Financial Aid Counselor Sione Fakatou.

Recruitment meetings focused on providing high school seniors with information about PCC programs, services, and admissions requirements. Presentations covered the general education and career & technical education degree programs of the college. Interested high school seniors were provided with admissions application forms and college representatives provided assistance in completing them.

The financial aid meetings covered information regarding the federal student aid programs and eligibility requirements. Financial aid forms were also distributed to and completed by interested high school seniors. Parents were invited to accompany the students during these financial aid meetings.

The recruitment efforts of the college reached all of the five (5) local high schools: Emmaus High School, Mindszenty High School, Palau Mission Academy, Belau Modekngai School, Bethania High School, and Palau High School.

MOE Hosts School Emergency Workshop

From February 08, 2016 to February 12, 2016 the Palau Ministry of Education (MOE) hosted a School Emergency Management Planning, Development, and Preparedness Workshop II at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall. It began with a review of the existing emergency plans & steps set in place for the local schools in Palau. A presentation that reviewed the school emergency plans was given by MOE Division of Research & Evaluation Chief Ray Mechol. These plans outlined the necessary steps that must be taken when dealing with natural disasters and medical emergencies. MOE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



Ministry of Education Workshop Participants

PCC President Featured in Talk Show



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei participating in a talk show at the Eco-Paradise (87.9FM) Radio Station

On February 08, 2016 Palau Community College (PCC) President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei participated in a talk show for the Eco-Paradise (87.9FM) Radio Station. During the session, he discussed the accreditation process and the upcoming external evaluation visit. PCC President Dr. Tellei also discussed the changes to the college academic calendar, including the graduation ceremony that has been rescheduled for Friday, May 13, 2016. Other updates he provided included the San Diego State University (SDSU) Bachelor Degree Cohort graduating this spring semester, vocational certification programs under the RPPL 9-22: The Skilled Palauan Workforce Investment Act, and the PCC Adult High School Program.

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:
"HANDBOOK ON PROCESSING FISH IN PALAU"
BY DR. LYDIA MARERO & THOMAS TARO



"Handbook on the Processing of Fish in Palau focuses on the Research & Development Station's efforts on processing local foods that will help Palau create food micro-enterprises. Palau depends mainly on fish as a food source. Processing of fish is needed for self-reliance, rural development, and food security. This book provides information regarding processing fish in Palau to cover these objectives."

Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

February 19 (F)

Last Day for Removal of Grades

February 29 - March 04 (M-F)

Mid-Term Examination Period

March 16-18 (W-F)

Students' Spring Break

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 tchuziet@palau.edu 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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Ministry of Health Program Manager Ms. Ikerdeu highlighted how the project could help Palau in its fight against non-communicable diseases. Table-top gardens would encourage the local population to grow and eat vegetables & fruits which will lead to an improvement in food and lifestyle choices.

KSG Solid Waste Management Coordinator Ngiraked also commented about the project. He recognized the efforts of the PCC-CRE and the college in helping the community of Palau. He also mentioned how the project was helping the Palau National Government achieve its food security goals. By promoting local production of food through efforts such as table-top gardens, Palauans will have a food source in case of natural disasters such as droughts.

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The first day of the workshop covered information about the International Organization for Migration (IOM). IOM is an inter-governmental organization known for its dynamic work in the field of migration. IOM Education Consultant on Disaster Risk Reduction Ms. Alyson Gombas provided an overview of the organization's activities in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Also covered by the IOM team was information regarding the Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Education (CADRE) Program. Funded by AusAID, CADRE aims to build the resilience of vulnerable communities in Micronesia against natural hazards especially those that are related to climate change. In partnership with IOM, CADRE provides these vulnerable areas with training & information about climate change adaptation and disaster preparedness.

The workshop also provided training that covered preparedness for medical emergencies and natural disasters. Representatives from the Palau Red Cross Society taught participants about Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) & first-aid response. A fire drill at the Koror Elementary School and a tsunami at Melekeok Elementary School prepared participants for natural disasters that could occur in Palau.

Palau National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) Coordinator Ms. Priscilla Subris highlighted the role of the Ministry of Education in the National Disaster Preparedness Framework. A presentation by the Bureau of Public Safety introduced participants to the proper responses in relation to fires, earthquakes, and search & rescue (SAR). The Ministry of Health focused on medical emergencies, especially responding to a medical emergency occurring at school. Ms. Maria Ngemaes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) held a presentation regarding early warning systems.

Participants of the workshop will receive certificates for completing the CPR/First-Aid Training, School Emergency Management Planning (SEMP), and the fire & tsunami drills.

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

SPENCER O'DELL

ASSOCIATED STUDENT OF PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE - PRESIDENT

"Don't give up on your dreams."



Spencer O'Dell was recently elected as President of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPC). He is currently a full-time student under the Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology Program at Palau Community College (PCC). As a student leader, Mr. O'Dell will focus on building school unity through social events that bring the different island ethnicity groups together. Encouraging social interactions amongst the students will lead to a stronger sense of school spirit. Mr. O'Dell graduated from Chima-cum High School in Chima-cum, Washington State, USA. In his free time, Mr. O'Dell enjoys browsing the internet and reading news articles.

ALUMNI NOTES

KNOX D. TKEL

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Ms. Tkel graduated from PCC with an AS Degree in Information Technology. As a student, she worked as a Lab Assistant for the PCC Student Online Lab. She is currently continuing her education in the field of computer science at the University of Hawaii at Hilo in Hawaii, USA.



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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.

TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY NOTICE:

The Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library would like to inform the public that it will be closed on Saturday, February 20, 2016 due to a general clean-up & face-lift of the building.

ASPC VALENTINE'S DAY BASH

Friday, February 12, 2016
place: PCC Cafeteria
time: 6PM



Celebrating Birthdays

Robert Ramarui	February 13
Demy F. Emesiochel	February 16
David L. Fry	February 16
Lourdes M. Reksid	February 17
Marvin Yarofaisug	February 17



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BEEA & BFSCA CONFERENCE

The Belau Employers & Educators Alliance (BEEA) works with parents by providing training that will improve their abilities to help their children achieve academic success. The Belau Family School & Community Association (BFSCA) is a formal non-profit partnership between the Palau Ministry of Education and local businesses that aims to improve educational opportunities for students. Through this partnership, students are given the opportunity to shadow, observe, and learn from employers & employees at actual job sites at the local business establishments. Both groups will be holding a conference at the Palau Community College (PCC) Cafeteria on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.

Wednesday, February 17, 2016
at the PCC Cafeteria

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!**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Instructional Assistant - Construction Technology
(Academic Affairs Division)
salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- (2) Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor
(Academic Affairs Office)
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, or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

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