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PCC Celebrates 23rd Charter Day



PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel (left) PCC Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay G. Olegeriil (middle), PCC-CRE Vice President Thomas Taro (second from right), and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (right) with the first runner to complete the course CAT Team Jesse Dupin (second from left)

Today, Palau Community College (PCC) celebrates its 23rd Charter Day. The annual PCC Charter Day President's Run & Walk event was held this morning. Registration for the event was held at the PCC Basketball Court. Runners began at the basketball court and ran to the Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) before returning. Walkers walked to the President of the Republic of Palau's Office in Meyuns before returning.

Over a hundred runners & walkers registered for the event. The first hundred runners & walkers received free PCC t-shirts. In addition, all participants of the event were given a complimentary breakfast courtesy of the college.

Jesse Dupin, from the Civil Action Team (CAT) was the first runner to complete the course. He was followed by Myles Hasugulmong, Ide Uehara, and PCC Student Trustee Rdiall L. Tellei. The first walker to complete the course was Percy Retogral followed by Villy Candari and Jesse Pgerliur. PCC extends its congratulations to all participants who completed the course. CHARTER, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Ambassador Olkeriil Visits PCC

On Monday, March 21, 2016 Ambassador of the Republic of Palau to the Republic of China (Taiwan) paid a courtesy visit to the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). Her Excellency Ambassador Dilmei L. Olkeriil met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to exchange information regarding education & training opportunities in Taiwan for students from Palau. She also shared news about the Palauan students currently in Taiwan pursuing their educational goals. Ambassador Olkeriil was appointed in 2014 to represent Palau in its foreign affairs & public relations with the country of Taiwan. As a representative of Palau, Ambassador Olkeriil has been a strong voice in the issues that influence the well-being of her people such as the Taiwan medical referrals as well as creating strong links with the national government of Taiwan in order to combat climate change.



(left to right): Ambassador Dilmei L. Olkeriil with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

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.

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library Donation



Paul Lake (far left) donating a box of reading materials to the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Paul Lake from the Department of Agriculture of the United States (US) Embassy in Palau recently donated a box of reading materials to the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library. The donation included various research papers about the marine environment of Palau and information about related subject matters. The college would like to thank Mr. Lake for his generous contribution! His donation will be added to the Micronesia-Pacific Collection of the library.

ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES THIRD PARTY COMMENT PROCEDURE

ACCJC's Third Party Comment allows an individual who wishes to make comments on an institution that is undergoing comprehensive review in the current semester and that is considered by the ACCJC at its next meeting, should use the Third Party Comment Form to provide any comment about the institution's quality or effectiveness, as well as, the basis of any provided comments. The Third Party Comment Form should include individual/group name, address, phone number, and email address. The Third Party Comment Form should be received by the Commission five weeks before the scheduled Commission meeting. Comments should be submitted as an attachment to accjc@accjc.org or mail to:

Accrediting Commission for
Community and Junior Colleges
10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204
Novato, CA 94949

The Third Party Comment Form is available at the Office of the President and the Accreditation Office. For more information, please contact ALO Deikola Olikong at #271 or 778-6019.

TB Presentation at PCC Assembly Hall

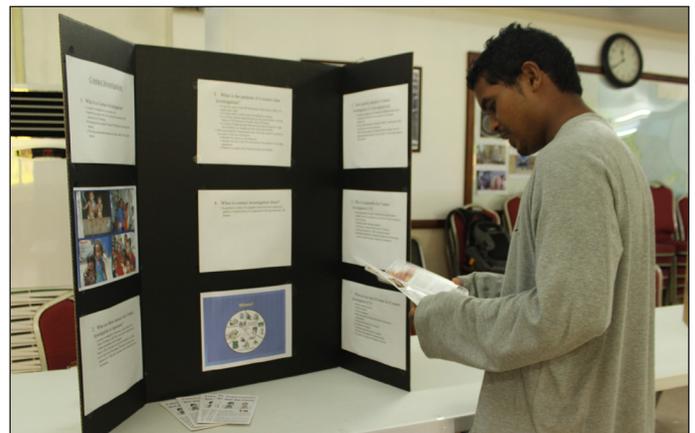
On Wednesday, March 23, 2016 a presentation about tuberculosis (TB) was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). Representatives from the Community & Public Health Section of the Ministry of Health (MOH) set up booths & posters that provided detailed information about the disease. Students, staff, faculty, and interested members of the community were invited to learn more. The representatives from the Community & Public Health Section also provided additional information regarding tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis is a disease that is spread from person to person through the air. An infection of the lungs, tuberculosis is put into the air when an infected person coughs, sneezes, laughs, or sings. The disease may also infect other parts of the body such as the kidneys, spine, or brain.

Symptoms of tuberculosis include a feeling of weakness or sickness, weight loss, fever, and night sweats. An infected person will also cough for two or more weeks, experience chest pains, and cough up blood.

The disease may infect anyone. However, the following are the conditions of people who may have a higher risk of contracting the disease: people who share the same breathing space as an infected person such as co-workers, family member, or friends; homeless people; alcoholics and intravenous drug users (IVDUs); people with medical conditions such as diabetes or certain types of cancers, renal failures, or HIV infection. People who are underweight are also at a higher risk for a tuberculosis infection.

The Communicable Disease Unit of the Ministry of Health provides free tuberculosis screening & testing. For additional information, please contact the unit at (tel): 488-2450.



A PCC student learning about the symptoms of tuberculosis

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 for the serious diver with a passion for preserving the natural beauty of the oceans. It is the platform for industry leaders to recommend rock-solid products and gain first-hand accounts of their peers elsewhere."

Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

April 01 (F)

PCC Charter Day Celebration

April 02 (S)

PCC Charter Day

April 29 (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 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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PCC would like to thank all of its faculty, staff, and students who participated in this year's Charter Day celebration. The college also extends its thanks to all members of the community who joined in the Run & Walk adding to the spirit of the day. Without your support, the college would not have enjoyed such an excellent celebration.

The 23rd Charter Day marks the transition date of the Micronesian Occupational Center/College into Palau Community College. Since it began, PCC has continued to help students in Palau and the region of Micronesia reach their potential by providing quality education programs & services. PCC remains Palau's only institution of higher learning that produces students who contribute to their communities.



Participants stretching before the event



PCC students walking the course

MAKE WATER SAFE

Adding some bleach helps make water safe to use.

If tap water is clear:

1. Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon)
2. Add 1/8 TEASPOON (8 drops or about 0.75 milliliters) of household liquid bleach to each gallon (16 cups) of water
3. Mix well and wait for 30 minutes or more before drinking

If tap water is cloudy:

1. Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon)
2. Add 1/4 TEASPOON (16 Drops or about 1.5 Milliliters) of household liquid bleach to each gallon (16 Cups) of water
3. Mix well and wait for 30 minutes or more before drinking

Remember that containers may need to be sanitized before using them to store safe water:

1. Use bleach that does not have an added scent (like lemon)
2. Add 1 TEASPOON (64 Drops or about 5 Milliliters) of household liquid bleach to a quart (32oz., 4 Cups, or about 1 Liter) of water
3. Pour this into a clean storage container and shake well, making sure that the solution coats the entire inside of the container
4. Let it sit for at least 30 seconds and then pour out the solution
5. Let air dry or rinse with clean water that has already been made safe

■ **Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.**

■ **Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.**

For more information on water use, please visit:
http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/emergency/safe_water/personal.html

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

DAVID L. FRY

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LIBRARY SCIENCE



For the past year, David L. Fry has been the Associate Professor of Library Science at Palau Community College (PCC). He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the Eastern Illinois University. Associate Professor Fry received his Master's Degree in Education from Georgia South Western University. He also holds a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University in Georgia State. An avid diver, Associate Professor Fry enjoys spending his free time visiting the famous dive sites of Palau as well as exploring the natural wonders of the island.

ALUMNI NOTES

KELEMEN GABRIEL

(Class of 1985, Class of 1988)
 CERTIFICATE - SMALL APPLIANCE REPAIR
 CERTIFICATE - GENERAL ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY



Kelemen studied Small Appliance Repair at the Micronesian Occupational College (MOC) from 1982 to 1985. He also received a certificate in General Electronics Technology in 1988. Mr. Gabriel is from the island of Chuuk and currently resides in Hawaii.

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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.

PRISTINE CAMPUS CAMPAIGN
"Candid Camera" April Feature



The Pristine Campus Campaign is sponsored by the Faculty Senate Association (FSA), the Classified Staff Organization (CSO), and the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). It aims to promote the maintenance and continued cleanliness of the campus. If a candid photo of a student throwing away trash is featured in the *Mesekiu's News*, that student will receive \$25. Two (2) students will be recognized each month from March to April. Congratulations to Mr. Bernie Soichey for being the first student featured in the "Candid Camera" section the month of April!



FSA GENTLEMEN'S GOURMET ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the current water situation, the Palau Community College Faculty Senate Association (PCC-FSA) regrets to inform the public that the 8th Annual Gentlemen's Gourmet fundraising event that was scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2016 has been cancelled. If you have purchased a ticket, please contact the person who sold it to you for a full refund. To all our donors & supporters, thank you for your continued support and we hope that you will join us in next year's FSA Gentlemen's Gourmet fundraising event.

PCC Endowment Fund

INVEST IN THE FUTURE

OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

To SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

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e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

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

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION

 <http://pcc.palau.edu>

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Celebrating Birthdays

Richard Saburo
 Murais Sebangiol



April 01
 April 04

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

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