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## 2016 CARIPAC Summer Internship Program Presentations



*2016 CARIPAC Summer Internship Program students with their sponsor agencies*

On Friday, June 24, 2016 the students who participated in the 2016 Caribbean and Pacific (CariPac) Summer Internship Program held presentations at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). Each presentation was a highlight of the summer's agricultural and food sciences activities that were experienced in Palau. The students also included the lessons they had learned about Palau's environmental and marine conservation efforts.

The CariPac is a consortium established in 2005 by higher education institutions in the following islands: the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Guam, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), American Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the U. S. Virgin Islands. Each summer, students from the member institutions participate in summer internship programs that aim to improve their overall understanding of agricultural science and food sustainability, especially in relation to their respective home islands.

Learning Resource Center (LRC) Instructor/Counselor Isumechraard Ngirairikl opened the presentations with welcoming remarks. *CARI PAC 2016, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3*

### Japan Scholarship Examinations

On Friday, June 24, 2016 the placement examination process for the 2017 Japanese Government Scholarships was held at the Continuing Education (CE) Training Room of Palau Community College (PCC). Four (4) types of scholarships are offered to Palauans by the National Government of Japan on a yearly basis: Research (Postgraduate), Teacher Training, Undergraduate, and Specialized Training College. These scholarships cover all expenses including tuition and school fees, living allowances, and travel expenses to Japan. Initiated in 1982, these scholarship opportunities have supported and funded the educational endeavors of over fifty (50) students from Palau. The placement examination was for Palauan students who had applied for the specialized training college and the undergraduate program. It measured the students' competency in the subject areas of mathematics, science, and the Japanese language. The scholarship for specialized training college is a three-year study program while the undergraduate scholarship is a five-year program. Both programs require students to participate in a one-year Japanese language study. The scholarship programs are a part of the Japan National Government's continuing efforts to help Palau develop its human resources.

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## JCI - Tokyo Presentation at PCC

On the evening of Thursday, June 23, 2016 representatives from the Junior Chamber International in Tokyo (JCI - Tokyo) held a presentation at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC). The presentation focused on marketing and its significance in the world of business. Invited to join in the presentation were all PCC students and interested members of the community.

The presentation began with a description of marketing, the approaches by which a company communicates the value of its product or service to customers. The JCI - Tokyo representative who led the presentation highlighted the important ideas behind business marketing such as product, price, place, and promotion. Participants of the presentations were asked to highlight their internal & external strengths that could effect their approach to marketing. They also participated in exercises that helped them identify key methods of business marketing. PCC students who joined the presentation also had the opportunity to exchange ideas and share their culture with the students from Japan.

The JCI - Tokyo is a non-political and non-sectarian youth service organization. It conducts various activities designed to enrich societies across the world through partnerships formed with citizens, corporations, and the administrative agencies. The activities sponsored by JCI - Tokyo support social development, especially of young leaders who will influence future generations. The organization is committed to influencing the world in a positive way through global communities and self-improvement. In support of Palau's partnership with Japan, the JCI - Tokyo also hosted the night market at Ernguul Central Park on Friday, June 25, 2016 in collaboration with the Palau Visitors Authority (PVA).



JCI - Tokyo representative explaining the concept of marketing in the business world

## Anniversary of the *Ongael* Study

On June 16, 2016 researchers involved with the *Ongael* Research Project that was conducted in Palau reviewed the results of their study. *Ongael* or "Delal a Kar" is a plant used in Palau's traditional medicines. The clinical trial launched last year analyzed the health benefits of the medical plant based on its results from sixty-eight (68) volunteers. The volunteers were diabetic patients who had difficulty controlling their disease with standard medicines. As part of the study, the volunteers were required to take 30cc of boiled *ongael* three times a day, thirty minutes before any meal. The effects of the traditional medicine on the volunteers' health conditions were noted, especially its effect on weight loss and the management of diabetes. The results of the study were shared with Dr. Ann Futterman Collier of the Northern Arizona University by Dr. Victor Yano, Ms. Pearl Marumoto, and Ms. Josepha Tiobech of the Pacific Academic Institute of Research (PAIR). The study also provided an understanding of how the medical plant worked, such as its stimulation of insulin secretion in the body and improvement of the liver function for fat & glucose digestion. The published study that was co-authored by Dr. Yano, Dr. Christopher Kitalong, and Mr. Bertand Graz was a community survey conducted with the help of high school students in the Upward Bound Program of Palau Community College (PCC).

## NEED ANY HELP?

### TUTORING FOR CS-100: COMPUTER LITERACY

"This course covers basic information processing and uses of computer including basic application software and the Internet. Topics include basic computer concepts, navigating in a Windows Operating System, and computer software including word processing, spreadsheet, and Internet applications, including email."

### AVAILABLE AT THE PCC ONLINE LAB!

Peer Tutors at the PCC Online Lab who will be happy to answer your questions or help you with your studies are Regner, Daemi, Rimat, and Ayshia.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

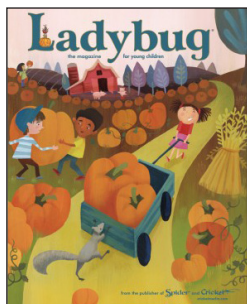
#### Hours of Operation

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:

##### LADYBUG MAGAZINE



"Ladybug Magazine offers enchanting stories and poems to read aloud that are just the right length for a cozy cuddle and is sure to spark young imaginations and develop a love of reading that will last a lifetime."

#### Academic Calendar: Summer 2016

##### July 06 (W)

Fall 2016 Pre-Registration Starts

##### July 13 (F)

Last Day for All Withdrawals

##### July 15 (F)

Last Day of Instruction

#### Corrections for *Mesekiu's News* Volume 18, Issue 26

##### Mesekiu's News Volume 18, Issue 26:

Summer Student Researchers Ms. Zacca Adelbai and Ms. Nelly Olkeriil are not sponsored by the Pacific, Asia, India Resilience (PAIR) Program. They are, in fact, sponsored by the **Pacific Academic Institute for Research (PAIR)** that is based in Palau. *Mesekiu's News* apologizes for this error.

#### 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 [tchuziet@palau.edu](mailto:tchuziet@palau.edu) 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.

## 2016 CariPac CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

She was followed by PCC Vice President of Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Thomas Taro who provided a brief history about the CariPac and highlighted the positive outcomes of the residential instruction grant.

The first presenters were Ms. Nathalie Trow-McDonald (Communications Student from the University of the U. S. Virgin Islands) and Mr. Luke Langmos (Agricultural Science Student from Palau Community College). Ms. Trow-McDonald compared the learning institutions, highlighting their histories and cultural significances. Mr. Langmos, who is from the Marshall Islands, highlighted the agriculture & conservation methods being used in Palau. Their presentation focused on supporting the application of Palau's sustainability initiatives, such as garbage control and green fees, in the U. S. Virgin Islands and the Marshall Islands.

Presenters from the University of Guam were Lee Roy Sablan (Saipan) and Berry Barnabas (Pohnpei). They identified local agencies that made it possible for Palau to preserve its natural environment. In comparison to Guam, Palau's conservation efforts have been influential in the preservation of endemic species. The students highlighted the significance of unified efforts from both the community and government organizations in order to restore Guam's natural environment.

Erika Billen (Pohnpei) and Miki Fritz (Chuuk) presented on behalf of the College of Micronesia - FSM (COM-FSM). They focused on the food science programs supported by the PCC-CRE Department. Emphasizing on the use of local foods in food production, Ms. Billen and Ms. Fritz showcased dishes they had learned to prepare in the food technology classes.

The final presentation was given by Ms. Saumolia Noa and Ms. Logomalu Papalii from the American Samoa Community College. In the weeks they spent in Palau, Ms. Noa and Ms. Papalii experienced local food production, such as planting taro in wetlands, and the programs that support it. Their presentation highlighted the benefits of food sustainability sponsored by farming initiatives, such as the seed distribution sponsored by the Taiwan Technical Mission.

After the presentations, the students from the American Samoa Community College performed a Samoan dance. They were followed by the students of COM-FSM who sang the FSM National Anthem. Ending remarks were delivered by LRC Director Vernice Rechebei.

CariPac supports research & education activities that address local food and agricultural needs that support local economic growth. Sponsors for the 2016 CariPac Summer Internship Program were the Palau Bureau of Agriculture - Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment & Tourism (MNRET); the Belau National Museum; the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC); The Nature Conservancy; the Palau Conservation Society (PCS); the Northern Reef Fisheries Cooperative; the Taiwan Technical Mission; the Palau Mari-Culture Demonstration Center; the Koror State Government - Solid Waste Management Facility; the Palau Tourism Center; the Palau Guest Lodge; and Palau Community College.

## PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

### LIGAYA T. SARA

PCC INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH ANALYST

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Since 2009, Ligaya T. Sara has been working as the Institutional Research Analyst for Palau Community College (PCC). Her duties include providing accurate information, data analysis, and assessment that support the administrative and the academic units of the college. Ms. Sara is also responsible for developing the institutional fact book, fifteen-year master plan report card, and data for the federally mandated reports for the Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System (IPEDS). She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Statistics from the University of South Eastern Philippines. Ms. Sara is a member of the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) and the McREL Palau Research Alliance. Her hobbies include reading books, watching movies, travelling, and swimming.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### PERSIS D. OMELAU

(Class of 2013)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - ENVIRONMENTAL/MARINE SCIENCE



Persis graduated from PCC in 2013 with an AS Degree in Environmental/Marine Science. She is currently a student at the University of Alaska - Fairbanks. This summer, Ms. Omelau is spending time as a College Intern at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC).



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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.

## 2016 CE SUMMER KIDS PROGRAM STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

The students who participated in the 2016 CE Summer Kids Program will be showcasing the skills that they learned over the summer. Please join us as we recognize the students who were able to foster skills that involve traditional practices and promote cultural appreciation.

**PLACE: PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSEMBLY HALL**  
**DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 01, 2016**  
**TIME: 10AM**

"The 2016 Summer Kids Program sponsored by the Continuing Education (CE) Division of Palau Community College (PCC) offered classes designed to provide education activities that enhance a student's learning abilities in order to improve in certain subject areas and foster new skills. Classes offered this summer included Singapore Mathematics, English Reading & Writing, Palauan Orthography, Environmental/Marine Science, Music, and the Arts."

### Celebrating Birthdays

Yechur E. Emesiochel



July 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
- (3) Maintenance Technicians (4)  
(Administration Department - Physical Plant)  
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (4) Library Assistant  
(Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)  
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 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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## PCC Endowment Fund

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