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# Palau Community College

# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## Embassy of the Netherlands Donates Books to Library



(left to right): Tan Siu Lin PCC Library Assistant Raven Kloulubak, Tan Siu Lin PCC Library Assistant Aleya Ann Nigrengkoi, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Ambassador Marion Derckx, Palau Minister of Education Sinton Soalablai, and Dutch Disaster Risk Team Delegated Representative Sjef Ijzermans

On Thursday, January 19, 2017 the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library received a donation of books from the Ambassador of the Netherlands to the Philippines, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands Her Excellency Marion Derckx. Ambassador Derckx was accompanied by her husband, Mr. Sjef Ijzermans (also the Dutch Disaster Risk Team Delegated Representative), and the Palau Minister of Education Sinton Soalablai. They met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and the library staff to present the generous donation.

The donation included English-translated copies of popular Dutch literature such as *In Lucia's Eyes* by Arthur Japin, *Gnomes* by Wil Huygen & Rien Poortvliet, *The Dinner* by Herman Koch, *The Discovery of Heaven* by Harry Mulisch, *Winter in Wartime* by Jan Terlouw, *The Letter for the King* by Tonke Dragt, and *Max Havelaar* by Eduard Douwes Dekke (better known by his pen name Multatuli). Each book is a window into the culture and society of the Dutch people. By promoting shared interests, the Netherlands aims to strengthen its ties with Palau. BOOKS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### PCC Honor Student Recognition

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize two (2) of its students who were featured in the Dean's List for High Honor, Mr. Jimmy Hashigelou and Mr. Darwin Halisheliut. Both students are from the island of Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). While in college, Mr. Hashigelou & Mr. Halisheliut greatly improved their academic statuses by learning how to manage their time properly. Their effort is a great example of how dedication and hard work can lead to prosperity. The PCC Student Life Unit recognized both students by presenting them with a Certificate of Recognition. The award was given by PCC Director of Student Life & Housing Hilda N. Reklai. PCC congratulates Mr. Hashigelou and Mr. Halisheliut for their academic achievements. HONORS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



PCC Honor Student Jimmy Hashigelou (left) and PCC Honor Student Darwin Halisheliut receiving their Certificate of Recognition from PCC Director of Student Life & Housing Hilda N. Reklai during a ceremony at the PCC Cafeteria

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.

## 2017 Taiwan ICDF Higher Education Scholarship

The 2017 Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) International Higher Education Scholarship Program is now accepting applications. The TaiwanICDF provides scholarships for higher education and has developed undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. programs in cooperation with renowned partner universities in Taiwan. Students accepted under the scholarship program will each receive a full scholarship that includes return airfare, housing, tuition & credit fees, insurance, textbook costs, and monthly allowances. This year, there are thirty-one (31) Programs offered for TaiwanICDF Scholarship application.

Applications must be completed online (<http://www.icdf.org.tw>) and submitted by March 17, 2017.



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International Cooperation and Development Fund

## Ngara Seseb ra Ordemel Donation



Members of the Ngara Seseb ra Ordemel ra Irrai with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (very top)

On Tuesday, January 17, 2017 members of the Ngara Seseb ra Ordemel ra Irrai visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) to present donations of coconuts, lemons, and blimbi fruit (*mekurs*). Members of the group who presented the donations were Kerungil Marcellino, Mengior Emesiochl, Elizabeth Ngriruchelbad, Mistica Augustine, Marygold Yobech, Hilda Mariur, Priscilla Augustine, Tumakreng Benjamin, Hanna Tesei, Martina Olkeriil, Omiou Merep, Usiab Tesei, Goretty Blaluk, Veronica Techur, and Susan Marcellino. The donations were one (1) sack of coconuts, three (3) bags of lemons, one (1) bag of bilimbi fruit (*imekurs*), and fifteen (15) bags of tapioca. PCC would like to thank Ngara Seseb ra Ordemel ra Irrai for their continued support and generous donations. Last year, the group also donated food supply to the college which was used to sustain the foodstock at the PCC Cafeteria. The college would like to thank Ngara Seseb ra Ordemel for their generous donation.

## IT Program Upward Bound Presentation



PCC IT Program Students presenting about the benefits of their field of study to the students of the Upward Bound Program

On Friday, January 20, 2017 an Upward Bound Program Workshop featuring a presentation about the Information Technology Program at Palau Community College (PCC) was held at the PCC Assembly Hall. Presenters were PCC students enrolled in the degree program. By sharing their learning experience, the students aimed to promote an interest among high school seniors and increase enrollment in that particular field of study. The PCC students began with an introduction of the program. They highlighted the general education & course requirements that must be met in order to complete the degree program. Students who enroll in the IT Program will learn about the basic skills necessary for careers in the field of information technology such as web design, computer programming, computer networking, and computer-related troubleshooting. UPWARD, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

## 2017 MOFA TAIWAN SCHOLARSHIP for Undergraduate, Master, or Doctoral Degrees sponsored by the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)



The Taiwan Scholarship Program is a joint initiative launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), the Ministry of Education (MOE), the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), and the National Science Council (NSC) in 2004. The MOFA Taiwan Scholarship continues to encourage outstanding students to pursue academic degrees in Taiwan and to deepen their understanding of Taiwan's academic environment, thereby enhancing exchanges, and building friendships between Taiwan and their home nations. The MOFA Taiwan Scholarship is, in principle, granted to students from countries that have diplomatic relations with Taiwan. However, special consideration may also be given to students from other countries.

Applications must be submitted to the Republic of China - Taiwan Embassy in Palau (located at the WCTC Shopping Center Building) by March 24, 2017.



## 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: ACADEMIC LEADER NEWSLETTER



"Academic Leader Newsletter is the monthly newsletter published by the Magna Publications. It covers trends, challenges, and best practices for academic leaders in higher education to help you balance these ever-evolving demands & privileges."

### Academic Calendar: Spring 2017

**January 23-27 (M-F)**  
ID Card Processing Period

**March 06-10 (M-F)**  
Mid-Term Period

**March 27 (M)**  
Last Day of All Withdrawals

### Mesekiu's News: Corrections

MESEKIU'S NEWS VOLUME 19, ISSUE 03: Last week's issue incorrectly stated that featured Alumna Halora Paulus graduated with a Degree in Criminal Justice. As stated in her accompanying biography, Ms. Paulus actually graduated with a Degree in Library & Information Services. *Mesekiu's News* apologizes for the 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.

## Books CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Ambassador Derckx and her husband were in Palau for the Inauguration Ceremony of the 10<sup>th</sup> Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK). During their visit, they visited local organizations such as the college and the Marine Sanctuary Office in Malakal. After Palau, Ambassador Derckx and Mr. Ijzermans will visit the islands of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands in order to donate books to their local libraries. The book donations promote cultural exchanges between the Netherlands and Pacific islands.

The Tan Siu Lin PCC Library would like to thank Ambassador Derckx, Mr. Ijzermans, and the Embassy of the Netherlands for the generous contribution. Their contribution will improve the quality of learning resources provided by the library.

## Honors CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

PCC is committed to assisting all of its students achieve academic successes. Students are encouraged to use the learning resources and service available on campus. In addition, students must maintain open communication with their instructors and counselors in order to meet maintain their academic standings.

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) offers peer-tutoring for students who need additional help with their studies. It is important to ask for assistance, especially when you do not understand the subject completely. If you do not feel comfortable with peer tutors, instructors are more than happy to provide extra instruction when possible.

Palau Community College would also like to remind students that they are responsible for their learning. Instructors will expect students to prioritize their studies inside and outside of the classrooms. It will be your personal obligation to find the necessary resources for research papers or references. Poor grades will place you in academic probation and could lead to the loss of financial aid as well as suspension from the college.

The staff & faculty of the college are more than willing to assist you with your studies. Do not hesitate to ask a faculty or staff member. The Office of the College President is also open to all students who may have grievances related to their studies.

## Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Mr. Thorne Siksei. Mr. Siksei currently works for the Bureau of Aviation. He is also an alumnus of the college. Thank you, Mr. Siksei, 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.

## PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

### GUESS WHO!

RULES: GUESS THE PEOPLE FEATURED IN THE PHOTOGRAPH BELOW AND WIN A PRIZE COURTESY OF THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. ALL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEMPT THIS CHALLENGE.



Palau Community College (PCC) has continued to strive because of the dedication & commitment of its employees. The photograph above features two (2) administrative members who have been employed at the college for many years. If you could identify the two as well as their current positions/job titles, the PCC Development Office will reward you. All students (except the students who are working for the PCC Development Office) are eligible to attempt this challenge. Please visit the PCC Development Office to submit your answer or call (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253 for more information. An answer will be featured in next week's newsletter!

## ALUMNI NOTES

### THORNE SIKSEI

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - AUTOMECHANICS TECH.



Thorne graduated from PCC in 2015 with an AAS Degree in Automotive Mechanics Technology. He currently works for the Division of Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) under the Bureau of Aviation of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce (MPIIC).



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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.

## Upward CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

In addition to classroom lectures, the students in the Information Technology Program will apply their computer skills in projects such as designing websites for local businesses or creating interactive applications through programming. Examples of these projects were shared during the presentation. The students also practiced their skills through internship at local agencies that require technical assistance. The PCC students also highlighted the extracurricular benefits of the program, such as participation in student exchanges with international higher learning institutions and attendance at student conferences related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

## 30<sup>th</sup> Pacific Educational Conference from July 17 to July 21, 2017 at Koror, Palau

**"Bedochel e Motekau el Kedul a Omesuub el Kirel a Klungioliir a Rengalek."**  
(Quality and Sustainability in Education for Student Success)

### Celebrating Birthdays

Epimachus Moses	January 28
Rennetta D. Meyar	January 31
Felix Sengebau	January 31
Loyola B. Darius	February 01
Vernice Yuji	February 02

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor  
(Academic Affairs Office)  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (2) Maintenance Technicians (4)  
(Administration Department - Physical Plant)  
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (3) Counselor  
(Student Life & Housing Office)  
salary range: \$12,653 - \$19,479 per annum
- (4) Counselor  
(PCC Adult High School)  
salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (5) Secretary  
(Academic Affairs Office)  
salary range: \$9,892 - \$17,567 per annum
- (6) Admissions Counselor  
(PCC Student Services Division)  
salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (7) Security Service Officer  
(Administration Department)  
salary range: \$6,709 - \$11,475 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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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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