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MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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Basic Conversational Palauan Course Commence



PCC-CE Basic Conversational Palauan course students at training room

On Tuesday, February 4, 2020 Palau Community College Continuing Education launched Basic Conversational Palauan language course at PCC Continuing Education training room. Over ten community members from various private businesses and foreign offices participated in this two-week fundamental language class. This class is an 18 hrs course module that introduce students to basic pronunciation with most frequently used words and simple introductory, greetings, directional words and phrases. Students will also learn useful vocabulary used in everyday conversation. Class participation include group discussion and individual presentation. Course content includes introductory conversation, greetings in both conversation and words, sentences for simple direction, and vocabulary and phrases in everyday communication. Course instructor is Mr. Kaipō Rechiungel. Students completing the course will be able to recognize and pronounce daily conversational words, capable of sending greetings, introductory words to native speakers, and apply basic Palauan words and phrases in daily conversation with native speakers. PCC Continuing Education also offers various short term skill based training and courses. Anyone interested in

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Islands of Opportunity Alliance-Louise Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation Program



On Wednesday, February 5, 2020 Palau Community College Science Department Associate Professor Vernice Yuzi and students met with Dr. Cheryl R. Sanguenza a lead researcher for the western pacific under UOG/UHH IOA-LSAMP grant.

Dr. Sanguenza is on the island conducting exploratory ethnographic interviews and focus group interviews with PCC students enrolled in science related field. The purpose of the research interviews are to understand the cross-cultural beliefs of success in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program. The results of the interviews will inform the design of effective STEM programs, curricula, and research opportunities for native Hawaiian and Pacific islander students at five universities (UOG, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Chaminade University, and Hawaii Pacific University) and six community colleges (American Samoa Community College, College of the

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Marshall Islands, College of Micronesia - Federated States of Micronesia, Guam Community College, Northern Marianas College, and Palau Community College).

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specific short term training can contact Dean of Continuing Education Jefferson Thomas at 388-2470/1 ext. 243.



10th Japan Fair

Ngarachamayong Cultural Center

Sunday, February 9, 2020

1:30pm - 4:30pm (doors open 1:00pm)

Zao Town, Miyagi Prefecture
Zimbaori
TEN IT OH OHO TANIHO SEBUE
Kokeshi workshop

Zao Town "Palau's host for 2020 Tokyo Olympic & Paralympic Games"

Japan-Palau Goodwill Yacht Race

Yacht race & Plastic FREE Ocean

OPEN Public Event

FREE

Admission

Stage performers & presenters:

- 🌸 Japanese Language School
- 🌸 Palau High School
- 🌸 Palau Judo Federation
- 🌸 Zao Town (Palau's host for 2020 Tokyo Olympic)
- 🌸 Japan-Palau Goodwill Yacht Race Committee
- 🌸 Singing Japanese songs with Carlisa
- 🌸 Summer Kimono (Yukata) show

Booth Activities:

- 🌸 Summer Kimono (Yukata) Try-On
- 🌸 Japanese Origami
- 🌸 Calligraphy, Handicrafts
- 🌸 Traditional games
- 🌸 Zao town's traditional handicraft "Kokeshi"
- 🌸 Samurai costume "Jimbaori" Try-On
- 🌸 Make your own friendship bracelet "Misanga"

Arts & Crafts

Judo

Singing & dancing

Origami, Calligraphy, Yukata try-on

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS UPDATES



Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Situation Report

Palau Ministry of Health - External Situation Report
3 February 2020 - 10:00 PWT

GLOBAL SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Health (MOH) is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December of 2019, which has now been exported to several other countries. Person-to-person transmission has occurred among close contacts, including family members in the same household, of confirmed cases and healthcare workers caring for infected patients. **WHO Director General declared this outbreak of novel coronavirus as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on January 30, 2020.**

As of February 3, 2020:

- At least **16,789** confirmed cases have been reported for novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) globally; 16,618 cases within mainland China.
- **180** confirmed cases reported outside of mainland China in 26 countries and areas: **Thailand, Hong Kong, Australia, France, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, Macau, South Korea, United States, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Nepal, Canada, Germany, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, United Arab Emirates, Finland, Russia, Italy, India, Sweden, Philippines, and Spain.**
- **362** deaths have been reported – 361 in mainland China; 1 death in the **Philippines.**
- Person-to-person transmission reported in several countries outside of China including the US and Japan.

PALAU READINESS AND RESPONSE

As of February 3, 2020:

- There are **NO SUSPECTED CASES** of 2019 nCoV in Palau.
- MOH Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated on Jan. 22, 2020 to implement preparedness and response measures to minimize the risk of importation and potential local transmission of 2019 n-CoV to Palau.
- Health screening initiated on Jan. 23, 2020 at Palau International Airport and Malakal seaport to screen all visitors to Palau. Over 2,000 visitors screened at points of entries (PoE) to date. All arriving passengers and crew must declare a health declaration form.
- Preparations being undertaken at the Belau National Hospital (BNH) to receive and care for critically ill suspect cases.
- Risk communication efforts initiated by MOH to relay credible and timely information to stakeholders and relevant information to the public and will continue to provide updates as they become available.
- Executive Order 433 signed by President Tommy Remengesau, Jr. on Jan. 30, 2020 temporarily suspending flights from People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, and Macau to Palau for the month of February.
- Health Alert for travellers issued by MOH on Jan. 30, 2020 recommending avoidance of non-essential travel to mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau.
- MOH continues to urge the public to practice basic public health measures to prevent respiratory infections:
 - **Respiratory etiquette: cover your cough and sneeze with a clean tissue or your sleeve.**
 - **Hand hygiene: Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water.**

SPRING 2020 ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM & HOSPITALITY STUDENTS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OR CALL 488-2470/1 ext. 251/252/253
or email tchuziet@palau.edu**

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:

bon app'e'tit Magazine



Bon Appetit Magazine is a cooking and food magazine devoted to the culinary arts and good wine, offering restaurant reviews, recipes, and entertainment ideas for readers.

Academic Calendar

February 21, 2020

Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades
for Fall 2019

March 2 - 6, 2020

Mid-Term Period

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.

Newest Contributors to the PCC Endowment Fund



Calvin Emesiochel



Klouldil Singeo

Palau Community College would like to recognize our newest endowment fund contributors, Mr. Calvin Emesiochel and Ms. Klouldil Singeo.

Mr. Emesiochel is a Deputy Historical Preservation Office at Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Klouldil Singeo is a Director of Bureau of Aging, Disability and Gender at the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Thank you Mr. Emesiochel and Ms. Singeo for your contributions to Palau's only institution of higher learning! Your donations will help sustain the future stability of our college.

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Office of Financial Aid

United States Department of Education Federal Updates

The Department of Education (ED) released the 2020-2021 Pell Grant payment and disbursement schedules, which included a \$150 increase to the maximum Pell Grant award of \$6,345.00

Although \$6,345 is the maximum Pell Grant for the 2020-2021 award year, a student may be eligible to receive Pell funds for up to 150 percent of the student's Pell Grant scheduled award for the award year. To be eligible for additional Pell Grant funds, the student must be eligible to receive Pell Grant funds for the payment period and enrolled at least as a half-time student in the payment period.

Any Pell Grant received will be included in determining the student's Pell Grant duration of eligibility and Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU). A student's eligibility to receive a Federal Pell Grant is limited to 600% or 12 semesters based on full-time enrollment status or its equivalent.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Part Time Math Instructors/ Tutors (2)
(PCC Upward Bound Program Office)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$600 - \$800 biweekly
- (2) Part Time English Instructors/ Tutors (2)
(PCC Upward Bound Program Office)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$600 - \$800 biweekly
- (3) Part Time Science Instructors/ Tutors (2)
(PCC Upward Bound Program Office)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$600 - \$800 biweekly
- (4) Part Time Computer Science Instructors/Tutors (2)
(PCC Upward Bound Program Office)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$600 - \$800 biweekly
- (5) Admissions Counselor (2)
(PCC Student Services Division-Registrar)
salary range: \$15,542 - \$27,600 per annum
- (6) Social Science/Humanities-Instructor
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affaris Division) depending on
qualifications and work experience
salary range: \$16,010 - 28,280 per annum
- (7) Director of Library Services
(Administration)
salary range: \$18,730 - 33,262 per annum
- (8) Construction Technology Instructor
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affaris Division) depending on qualifications
& work experience
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (9) Instructor Assistant - Construction Technology
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affaris Division) depending on
qualifications and work experience
salary range: \$12,653.00 - 22,349 per annum
- (10) Instructor Assistant - Small Engine
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affaris Division) depending on
qualifications and work experience
salary range: \$12,653.00 - 22,349 per annum

ALUMNI NOTES

FERMINA DONATUS

EDUCATION - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION



Ms. Fermina Donatus is an alumni of Palau Community College graduated in 2017. Currently employed with Ministry of Education as a classroom teacher at Ngarard Elementary School.



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ALUMNI

showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities.

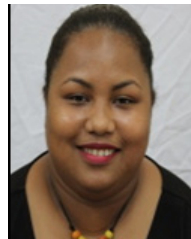
If you are that Alumna/Alumnus or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone numbers 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253).

We would like to feature you in future *Mesekiu's News* issues.

Celebrating Birthday from February 13 - 17, 2020



Robert Ramarui



Demy F. Emesiochel



Lourdes M. Reksid



Marvin Yarofaisug

January 31, 2020

BULLETIN

Health Insurance Enrollment

Enrollment is now open from February 3, 2020 to February 29, 2020. Any employees who is not a member and wish to enroll or to add/delete dependents for Calvo's Select Care is requested to stop by Human Resources Office and fill the necessary forms.

Following are the rates.

Calvo's Select Care Health Insurance Premium Rates Effective March 01, 2020

Monthly Rate (Single)	Class Type (Single)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly 24 PP
\$118.00	Employer (60%)	\$70.80	\$849.60	\$35.40
	Employee (40%)	\$47.20	\$566.40	\$23.60
Monthly Rate (Couple)	Class Type (Couple)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly
\$236.00	Employer (60%)	\$141.61	\$1,699.32	\$70.80
	Employee (40%)	\$94.40	\$1,132.80	\$47.20
Monthly Rate (Family)	Class Type (Family)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly
\$378.00	Employer (60%)	\$226.80	\$2,721.60	\$113.40
	Employee (40%)	\$151.20	\$1,814.40	\$75.60

If you have any questions or need clarifications, please call Human Resource Office.

Thank you,

Marie A. Anderson
Director, Human Resources Division

PCC Endowment Fund

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

To SUPPORT,
CONTACT US TODAY!

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

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



<http://www.palau.edu>



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OFFICE OF THE FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid Nights Schedule 2020-2021

The Director of Financial Aid, Ms. Dahlia M. Katosang will be meeting high school seniors and their parents in the evening to discuss the Federal Student Financial Aid Programs, Eligibility Requirements, and assist interested students to complete financial aid forms.

As reminder, Parents and students 2018 income from wages are needed to complete financial aid forms.

Proposed Dates of Meetings:

Date	High	3# of Seniors	Time	Place		
2/10/20	MHS	25	6-8 pm	PCC Assembly Hall		
2/11/20	PHS	31				
2/12/20	PHS	32				
2/13/20	PHS	30				
2/14/20	PHS	32				
2/15/20	BMS	3				
2/17/20	PMA	12				
2/18/20	EBHS	14				

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