

## Ryukoku University Visits Palau Community College



PCC and Ryukoku Daigaku students posing in front of the Mesekiu Bai

A group of students from the Ryukoku Daigaku (university) in Kyoto, Japan visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) on Monday, February 23, 2015. The students were accompanied by Ryukoku Professor of Economics, Yasukatsu Matsushima. During their visit, the students met with PCC Japanese Language Instructor Reiko Kawamura and the students of the JP-119: Conversational Japanese II Class.

The meeting allowed the JP-119 students to practice their Japanese language skills by interviewing the guests. The interviews comprised of self-introductions and hospitality questions, all conducted in the Japanese language. In addition, the PCC students shared the Palauan culture by introducing the Japanese students to samples of local foods.

In exchange, the students from the Ryukoku Daigaku shared the Japanese culture by performing a local folk song titled "Furusato (Hometown)" and a traditional dance about a fisherman. They also gave the JP-119 class gifts such as traditional Japanese outfits and mementos from the university. RYUKOKU DAIGAKU, PAGE 3

#### PCC Welcomes Army CAT 84-03

The new Civic Action Team (CAT) visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC) on Monday, February 16, 2015. The CAT 84-03 is an army unit replacing the former Navy CAT 133-25.

The CAT provides technical skills to local residents and assists Palau with infrastructure development. It aims to accomplish four priority elements: community construction, apprentice training, medical civic action, and community relations.

Currently the CAT offers free medical check-ups, free exercise facilities, free movie nights, and a radio talk show for the community. The CAT is a tri-service team that is typically comprised of one officer and twelve enlisted personnel with a variety of medical and engineering skills. Its headquarters is located at Camp Katuu in Airai.



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (third from left) with Army Civic Action Team (CAT) 84-03

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

#### **ISSA AD-HOC Committee Meeting**

Institutional Set Standards for Student Achievement (ISSA) Committee met on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 to finalize proposed set standards for the President's review and approval. The ISSA Committee was appointed by the President with a task to create institutional set standards for PCC. It studied and reviewed institutional data from 2008 to 2013, analyzed data, and has arrived on proposed set standards for PCC. Institutional Set Standards are required by the US Department of Education as well as requirements under the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Standards I and II. Once the proposed standards is approved and adopted, the college will begin implementation. The committee will provide training/workshop throughout the college for the implementation of the set standards. Committee members are Dean Sherman Daniel. Dean Robert Ramarui, Dean Willy Wally, Associate Dean Marianne Temaungil, ALO Deikola Olikong, IR Ligaya Sara, CSO President Lesley Adachi, ASPCC Benigno S. Sablan, Associate Professor Evangeline Andrew, Associate Professor Loyola Darius and Instructor Lester Rekemesik.

## **ICSC AD-HOC Committee Meeting**

Institutional Compliance Steering Committee (ICSC) was appointed by the President in the fall of 2014 to study and review the school's new Program Participation Agreement (PPA) and to ensure that PCC meets the required institutional eligibility, administrative capability, and financial responsibility set forth in 34 CFR Parts 600 and 668 of the US Department of Education. To date, it is working to ensure that required policies and procedures are in place and are made available on the college website no later than July 15th this year. ICSC met on Friday, February 27, 2015 to review Drug & Alcohol Abuse Policy and Campus Security & Safety Policy under the existing PCC Personnel Rules & Regulations Manual; Emergency Procedures Manual; and the Student Code of Conduct and Sanction. The committee will submit its first proposal to the President in the next two weeks. The following committee members represent different divisions/departments of PCC: Vice President Jay Olegeriil, Asst. to the President Todd Ngiramengior, Director Omdasu Ueki, Dean Sherman Daniel, Dean Robert Ramarui, Associate Dean Marianne Temaungil, Director Dahlia Katosang and ALO Deikola Olikong.

## PCC Constructs New Tutau Building



Different views of the new Tutau Building

A new building is currently being built on the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). Located next to the PCC dormitories and cafeteria, the Tutau Building is a renovation of an old office/classroom. It will serve as a housing unit for the college staff.

## NATIONAL TAIPEI UNIVERSITY OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Apply for the following three international scholarships for the opportunity to earn an International Nursing Master of Science Degree or an International Nurse-Midwifery Master of Science Degree at the National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Sciences in Taiwan:

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Taiwan Scholarship https://www.taiwanscholarship.moe.gov.tw

NTUNHS Scholarship http://rnd.ntunhs.edu.tw/files/90-1004-48.php

You can also visit the PCC Development Office for more information.

## **BITS AND PIECES...**

#### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday to Friday	7:30ам - 7рм	
Saturday	9ам - 6рм	
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#### Academic Calendar: Spring 2015

March 09-13 (M-F) Mid-Term Period

March 27 (F) Last Day for All Withdrawals

March 30 (M) Summer 2015 Pre-Registration

#### **News/Stories Wanted**

Mesekíu's News welcomes stories/ articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to dilubch@gmail.com 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.

## Ryukoku Daigaku continued from page 1



A PCC and Ryukoku Daigaku student sharing an exchange about their cultures



Ryukoku Daigaku students singing a Japanese folk song entitled "Furusato (Hometown)"



Ryukoku students performing a traditional Japanese dance about a fisherman



A PCC student and a student from the Ryukoku Daigaku posing for the camera

## **PCC** Welcomes Financial Aid Technician



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Palau Community College (PCC) would like to welcome its newest employee, Maureen Renguul. Ms. Renguul is the new Financial Aid Technician for the Office of Financial Aid & Admissions. She is an alumna of the college who holds certificates in Office Administration & Business Accounting. PCC extends its warmest welcome to her.

Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund 2015 Taiwan ICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program

The Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) is a strong supporter of international education and training. Each year, in collaboration with universities and post-secondary educational institutions in Taiwan, TaiwanICDF provides scholarships for specific trades and academic pursuits. The plan to promote the TaiwanICDF Scholarship Program was first started with the intent to train agricultural professionals. This was later extended to other research fields to diversify the overall scholarship program.

As of 2015, the TaiwanICDF has been cooperating with twenty-one (21) universities in thirty-four (34) programs of study.

application forms available at: http://www.icdf.org.tw/TSP/Register.aspx

A list of all the universities and scholarships offered is on the TaiwanICDF website. Also, a copy of the information may be obtained at the PCC Development Office: 488-2470/2471 ext. 252 or 253.

## DEADLINE: March 16, 2015

#### FACULTY & STAFF PROFILE

**DAVID L. FRY** LIBRARY SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR "If you're not diving, you're missing out!"



David Fry was recently hired as the Library Science Instructor for Palau Community College. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Eastern Illinois University; a Master's Degree in Education from Georgia South Western University; and a Master's Degree in Library Science from Valdosta University. Instructor Fry is an avid diver and enjoys visiting the many dive sites of Palau.

#### ALUMNI NOTES

#### LAHAINA NGIRKELAU (Class of 1993)

Associate of Science - Business Accounting

"Nothing is impossible so never stop reaching for a higher education."



Lahaina graduated in 1993 with an Associate of Science (AS) Degree in Business Accounting. She currently works for the Ministry of Finance as a Senior Personnel Analyst.

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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 Mesekíú's News issues.

## Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Emerson Obak. Mr. Obak works for the Bureau of Public Works. Thank you, Mr. Obak, 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.

#### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- Instructional Assistant Construction Technology (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$8,991 - \$15,378 per annum
- (2) Nursing Instructor (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (3) Small Engine Instructor (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (4) Adjunct Instructors (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.
- (5) Twenty (20) Part-Time Tutors (Educational Talent Search Office) salary range: \$400 - \$1,200 per annum
- (6) Career/Transfer Counselor (Learning Resource Center - Student Service) salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (7) Part-Time Teachers English, Math, Science, Health, Occupational Knowledge, Government & Law, Consumer Economics, Community Resources, College Preparation, and Computer Literacy (PCC Adult High School) salary range: \$980 - \$1,350 per course
- (8) Director of Research and Development (PCC Cooperative Research & Extension) salary range: \$18,730 - \$28,833 per annum
- (9) Administrative Assistant (PCC Cooperative Research & Extension) salary range: \$10,929 - \$18,692 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 <u>http://pcc.palau.edu</u>.

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#### FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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