# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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# PCC Hosts Forum for Senate Special Election Candidates



(candidates standing, left to right): Regina K. Mesebeluu, Margie Borja-Dalton, Sandra S. Pierantozzi, Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg, (candidates sitting, left to right): Seit Andres, and Jeff Ngirarsaol

On December 16, 2015 Palau Community College (PCC) hosted a forum for the candidates of the upcoming Senate Special Election. Held at the PCC Assembly Hall, the forum gave the candidates an opportunity to express their political stance and provide feedback on the current issues faced by the national government. Mediator for the forum was PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. The candidates who participated were Seit Andres, Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg, Margie Borja Dalton, Sandra S. Pierantozzi, Regina K. Mesebeluu, and Jeff Ngirarsaol.

The evening began with welcoming remarks from PCC President Dr. Tellei. After the candidates selected their number of order, questions were drawn and each candidate was given three minutes to respond. Questions ranged from the candidates' positions on social issues, such as cultural obligations and the increasing number of Chinese tourists, to their goals as representatives of the community. Special Senate Election Forum, continued on page 3

# **PCC Site for StratoClim Project**

The engineers participating in the StratoClim Project arrived at Palau Community College (PCC) on December 15, 2015. Ms. Katrin Müller, Mr. Winfried Markert, and Mr. Ingo Beninga will be spending about three (3) months in Palau observing and obtaining information about the atmospheric composition of the air above the region being transported into the stratosphere. A container that will serve as an Atmospheric Observatory has been installed on the college campus. The StratoClim Project (Stratospheric and upper tropospheric processes for better Climate predictions) aims to integrate date from modeling, space-based observations, and measurements during tropical campaigns to improve the representation of key atmospheric process in climate models. This will improve our overall understanding of climate change and its impacts.



(left to right): PCC Director of Student Life Hilda N. Reklai, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Engineer Ingo Beninga, Engineer Winfried Markert, and Engineer Katrin Müller

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.

# **PCC Faculty Members Attend Meeting**



Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui (standing at podium) meeting with the PCC faculty at the Assembly Hall

On Tuesday, December 15, 2015 the faculty members of Palau Community College (PCC) attended a meeting at the Assembly Hall. Organized by the Academic Affairs Office, the meeting focused on completing last-minute tasks before closing the fall semester. The meeting began with remarks from Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui. PCC FACULTY, PAGE 3

#### **Dorms Receive Donation for Students**



(left to right): William Waguk, El-Jane Silbanuz, Brel William, Junior Lang, and John A receiving donation on behalf of the PCC dormitory students

Recently, the dormitory students of Palau Community College (PCC) received a generous donation of prizes from Senator Regis Akitaya. Senator Akitaya won prizes from the raffling drawing held during the 2015 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser. He generously donated all his prizes to the dormitory students in support of their upcoming Christmas Program. PCC and its dormitory students would like to thank Senator Akitaya for his generosity!

# Revised Academic Calendar for Spring Semester 2015 (16 Weeks)

#### January 01 (F)

Holiday: New Year's Day!

#### **January 04-06 (M-W)**

Placement Testing

#### January 05 (T)

**New Student Orientation** 

#### January 06-08 (W-F)

Academic Advising & Registration

#### January 11 (M)

Late Registration and the First Day of Instruction

#### **January 11-13 (M-W)**

Credit by Examination Period

#### January 11-15 (M-F)

Add & Drop Period

#### February 19 (F)

Last Day to Remove Incomplete Grades for FA2015

#### February 29 - March 04 (M-F)

Mid-Term Period

#### March 16-18 (W-F)

Students' Spring Break (Youth Day is on March 15)

#### March 24 (TH)

Last Day for All Withdrawals

#### March 28 (M)

Summer 2016 Pre-Registration Begins

#### **April 01 (F)**

PCC Charter Day Celebration (observed on April 02)

#### **April 29 (F)**

Last Day of Instruction

#### May 02-04 (M-W)

Final Examination Period

#### May 05 (TH)

Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day

#### May 06 (F)

Graduates' Grades Due by 11AM

#### May 09 (M)

Non-Graduates' Grades Due by 11AM

#### May 13 (F)

**PCC Commencement Exercises** 

#### May 16 (M)

Last Day for Change of Grades

# **BITS AND PIECES...**

#### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### **Hours of Operation**

 Monday to Thursday
 7:30am - 7pm

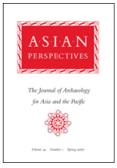
 Friday
 7:30am - 5pm

 Saturday
 9am - 6pm

 Sunday
 CLOSED

For more information, call: 488-3540

# AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS: ASIAN PERSPECTIVES JOURNAL



"Asian Perspectives Journal of Archaeology & Pre-History of Asia & The Pacific is the leading peer-reviewed archaeological journal devoted to the pre-history of Asia & the Pacific region. In addition to archaeology, it features articles and book reviews on ethno-archaeology, palaeoanthropology, physical anthropology, and ethnography of interest and use to the prehistorian. International specialists contribute regional reports summarizing current research and fieldwork, and present topical reports of significant sites. Occasional special issues focus on single topics."

#### **Academic Calendar: Fall 2015**

December 14 (M)
Grades Due

**December 21 (M)**Last Day for Change of Grades

**December 25 (F)** Holiday: Christmas Day

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

Mesekw'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.

#### Special Senate Election Forum CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Media personnel from the local radio stations, local newspapers, and the local television broadcasting station were present to record the forum for the public. The forum was also opened to all interested members of the community.

A total of seven (7) candidates have filed to run for the vacant seat that was once occupied by the late Senate Vice President Kathy Kesolei. Only one candidate, Mr. Satoru Adachi, was unable to attend to the forum. The Special Senate Election will be held on December 22, 2015.

#### PCC Faculty continued from page 2

Reminders were then noted for all the faculty members included important deadlines for grade submission, course assessments, course outlines, and course information for general catalog. Instructors were also reminded that a revised schedule for the upcoming 2016 Spring Semester will be available on Friday, December 18, 2016. A report for the fall semester is also due by December 30, 2015.

In addition to end-of-the-semester reminds, the Faculty Senate Association (FSA) also made announcements in regards to the organization's upcoming plans. Another meeting for 2016 Spring Semester is scheduled for Tuesday, January 05, 2016.

#### PCC Receives Fish from Marine Law Enforcement



The yellow fin tuna that was donated by the Division of Marine Law Enforcement

On December 11, 2015 Palau Community College (PCC) received a donation of fish from the Division of Marine Law Enforcement under the Ministry of Justice. The division generously donated a hundred-and-eighty pound (180lbs.) of yellow fin tuna the cafeteria of the college. PCC thanks the Division of Marine Law Enforcement for its donation!

Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund International Master's Program in Electrical Power Engineering (IMEPE)

The Department of Electrical Engineering at the National Sun Yat-sen University offers a great opportunity for international students to study under the International Master's Program in Electrical Power Engineering (IMEPE). Two (2) scholarships are being offered for the program, one by the Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (Taiwan ICDF) to international students from countries that have diplomatic ties with Taiwan.

Additional Information Available Online at: http://www.icdf.org.tw or http://www.ee.nsysu.edu.tw/IMEPE

DEADLINE: February 28, 2015

#### PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

#### ALEX M. GACHALIAN

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURE

"Education is a long journey that requires patience and perseverance.



Associate Professor Alex M. Gachalian is from Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He has been teaching at Palau Community College (PCC) for over ten (10) years. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture from Nueva Ecija University of Science & Technology and a Master's Degree in Educational Management from Araullo University. Associate Professor Gachalian is a member of the Horticultural Society of the Philippines and the Pathological Society of the Philippines. He is an avid sports fan who enjoys watching basketball games. His favorite teams are the Miami Heats and the FB Spoilers of the Filipino Basketball League (FBL) in Palau.

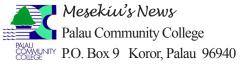
#### ALUMNI NOTES

#### FROLINE ANNE BULTEDAOB

(Class of 1996, Class of 1998) CERTIFICATE - SECRETARIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - LIBERAL ARTS



Froline received a Certificate in Secretarial Science and an AA Degree in Liberal Arts both from PCC. After graduating, she continued her education in Australia where she studied history & politics. She is an Administrative Officer for the Bureau of Land & Survey.



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.



# CONTACT TO SCHEDULE A FREE SCREENING/TESTING

**CDU Clinic** 488-3117/2450

**Health Information Resource Center** 488-1757

> **PCC Resource Center** 488-8618

IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD AIDS DAY: "Engaging Youth Voices to the Response of HIV/AIDS"

#### **Celebrating Birthdays**

Gurney L. Umang Renee E. Watanabe Freddy Ohry



December 18 December 23 December 23

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) 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) Adjunct Instructors (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: determined by class credits, educational level, and experience.
- (4) Admissions Counselor (Student Services Division) salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (5) Math Instructor (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (6) Science Instructor (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (7) Social Science/Humanities Instructor (Academic Affairs Division) salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (8) 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.

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#### PCC Endowment Fund

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