

FREE!!!



Palau Community College

MESEKIU'S NEWS



Friday, April 15, 2016

Weekly Newsletter

Volume 18, Issue 16

Summit for the Education Master Plan Update Held



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (third from left, back row) participating in an employers' discussion during the Education Summit

Last week, an education summit on the revision and update of the Palau Education Master Plan was held at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center. Participants of the summit included students, teachers, parents, school principals, employers, public leaders, public agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and religious groups. Covering five (5) sessions, the education summit was an opportunity for the participants to discuss the following aspects of Palau's education plan: student success, instructional quality, curriculum enhancement, technology advancement, and resource support.

The education summit opened with a keynote address from Republic of Palau President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. President Remengesau was followed by Mr. Mark Manns from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Office in Bangkok. Mr. Manns was involved with the Education Policy and Master Plan Reform Unit. He led the participants in a review of the education master plan currently in place. The Education Master Plan aims to improve education programs & services provided in Palau.

PCC to Host PPEC Meeting

From Thursday, April 21, 2016 to Saturday, April 23, 2016 Palau Community College (PCC) will host a meeting for the Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC). PPEC is a non-profit, public corporation established in 1981 consisting of presidents and chancellors from higher education institutions in the United States of America as well as nations in the Pacific affiliated with the United States. It serves to address the concerns and needs of Pacific island post-secondary institutions. In addition, PPEC provides a network in which post-secondary institutions in the Pacific can share & discuss education topics. The current members of the council include higher education institutions from Hawaii, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and the Republic of Palau. In addition to the meeting of presidents and chancellors, the PPEC gathering this year will include a special session with Dr. Barbara A. Beno and Dr. Steven M. Kinsella of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). Meetings of the chief academic officers as well as accreditation liaison officers will also be arranged.

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.

Ministry of Health Donates EMT Books



Minister of Health Gregorio Ngirmang (third from right) presenting the medical textbooks to PCC-CRE Vice President Thomas Taro (second from right) and PCC Dean William O. Wally (far left)

The Palau Ministry of Health (MOH) recently donated emergency medical training textbooks to Palau Community College (PCC). The donation was made in support of the emergency medical technician (EMT) training that the PCC Continuing Education (CE) Department has been offering local agencies in the community. In a ceremony hosted at the PCC Assembly Hall, Minister of Health Gregorio Ngirmang presented the books to PCC Dean of Continuing Education William O. Wally. EMT, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES THIRD PARTY COMMENT PROCEDURE

ACCJC's Third Party Comment allows an individual who wishes to make comments on an institution that is undergoing comprehensive review in the current semester and that is considered by the ACCJC at its next meeting, should use the Third Party Comment Form to provide any comment about the institution's quality or effectiveness, as well as, the basis of any provided comments. The Third Party Comment Form should include individual/group name, address, phone number, and email address. The Third Party Comment Form should be received by the Commission five weeks before the scheduled Commission meeting. Comments should be submitted as an attachment to accjc@accjc.org or mail to:

Accrediting Commission for
Community and Junior Colleges
10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204
Novato, CA 94949

The Third Party Comment Form is available at the Office of the President and the Accreditation Office. For more information, please contact ALO Deikola Olikong at #271 or 778-6019.

EN-189: "Poets in the Making?"

contributed by Associate Professor Midori Mersai and Students

Students in the EN-189: Introduction to Literature Class, under the instruction of Associate Professor Midori Mersai, were recently challenged to create their own poetry. Despite self-doubt, the students picked up the gauntlet and produced the following very creative & original poetry. The poems were written in free-form style within the time limit of an hour. Associate Professor Mersai is very pleased with her students' creative efforts. A poem by her students will be proudly featured in the newsletter each week.

"My Daughter"

by Zariyah Seklii

A year ago, you came into this world
You were as tiny as a kitten
And as cute as a puppy.
Ever since then,
You have brought so much joy
Into the lives of the people around you...

I couldn't sleep properly,
For I was overjoyed with such a blessing.
Now, you are just so grown,
And I am ever more happy.
Even though you're as wild as a monkey,
You are still my #1,
And I wouldn't ask for more.
My daughter, I love you so much!

PCC Receives Water Tank Donation

On April 08, 2016 Palau Community College (PCC) received a 1,000 gallon water tank (bladder) for its Day Care Center. The donation was one of the relief goods distributed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on behalf of the Government of Japan. Japan is one of the countries providing assistance in support of Palau's drought relief efforts. The water tank will help PCC maintain normal operations until drought conditions improve. PCC thanks JICA, the Palau Ministry of State, the National Emergency Committee (NEC), the Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC), and the Koror State Government for providing assistance. PCC also appeals to its students, staff, and customers to conserve water during these extreme drought conditions.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

Monday to Thursday	8AM - 5PM
Friday	8AM - 5PM
Saturday	9AM - 4PM
Sunday	CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

BON APPÉTIT MAGAZINE



"Since 1956, *Bon Appétit Magazine* has celebrated the culinary arts by sharing recipes and wine pairings, discussing food and entertainment ideas for your next big get-together, and providing restaurant reviews so you know where the cooking is at the highest level. It is regularly published twelve times a year."

Academic Calendar: Spring 2016

April 29 (F)

Last Day of Instruction

May 02-04 (M-W)

Final Examination Period

May 05 (TH)

Holiday: Senior Citizens' Day

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.

EMT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Present to witness the donation were PCC Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Vice President Thomas Taro as well as guests from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Justice (MOJ).

During the presentation, Minister Ngirmang acknowledge the importance of having well-trained medical emergency technicians. He commended the college for forming the training program and expressed the ministry's willingness to support its continuation. The college would like to thank the Ministry of Health for supporting its efforts in providing up-to-date medical training for Palau's emergency medical technicians.

Emergency medical technicians are clinically trained to respond effectively & immediately during emergency situations. They are often the first medical responders on the scene of traumatic incidents, such as care crashes or fires. EMTs can be part of the ambulance response teams, the fire-fighting teams, or the medical teams in the emergency rooms of hospitals. In February of this year, a total of seventeen (17) individuals were certified by the college after completing the training.

Alingano Maisu Arrives in Woleai Island



Alingano Maisu departing from the NECO Marine Dock in Malakal

On Wednesday, April 13, 2016 the double-hulled voyaging canoe *Alingano Maisu* arrived in Woleai Island in Yap State of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The arrival occurred early in the morning and the crew members were greeted by the islanders. The crew members treated the islanders to a hearty & delicious breakfast of Cup Ramen Noodles. The stop-over in Woleai will allow the crew to rest and obtain supplies which, in turn, will help boost the island's economy.

The *Maisu*, as the canoe is commonly called, departed from Palau on March 15, 2016 beginning its voyage to Guam for the 2016 Festival of Arts. It is scheduled to make stop-overs at the islands of Ngulu, Woleai, Satawal, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota before sailing on to Guam for the opening ceremony of the festival. *Alingano Maisu* will be sailing back to Palau in early June.

The following are its current crew members: Sesario Sewralur (Captain & Navigator), Dylan Sewralur (Assistant), Rodney Kazuma (Navigation Student), Murais Sebangiol (Navigation Student), Kazuyo Hayashi (Navigation Student), Osamu Kosuge (Navigation Student), Aylie Baker (Navigation Student), Miano Sowraenpiy (Crew Member), Albino Esoailug (Crew Member), and Norman Tawilimai (Crew Member).

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

ELANGEL Y. MESUBED

FRESHMAN REPRESENTATIVE - ASPCC

"This may sound cliché but never give up & try your best when aiming to achieve your goals. Always strive for excellence!"



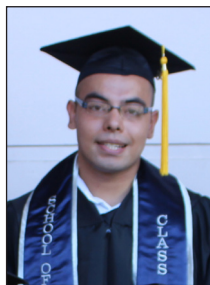
In Fall 2015, Elangel Y. Mesubed was elected to represent the student body as a Freshman Representative in the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC). As a student body representative, his main priority is to voice out the concerns of his fellow freshmen students. He graduated from Palau High School (PHS) in 2015 where he was also an active member of the Student Body Association. His hobbies included singing, playing the guitar, participating in various sports activities (such as volleyball & tables tennis), spending time with his friends, and being active on social media. Freshman Representative Mesubed is a member of the PCC Tourism Club and is enrolled under the Liberal Arts Program.

ALUMNI NOTES

LANCE T. TMEKEI

(Class of 2015)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - BUSINESS ACCOUNTING



Lance T. Tmekei graduated from PCC in 2015 with an AS Degree in Business Accounting. He currently works as an Inventory Clerk for the Western Caroline Trading Company (WCTC) Shopping Center.



Mesekii's News

Palau Community College

P.O. Box 9 Koror, Palau 96940

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).

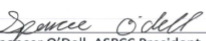
We would like to feature you in future *Mesekii's News* issues.

PRISTINE CAMPUS SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pristine Campus Campaign will conclude with a Campus Police Activity on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8AM to 10AM. This activity will involve a thorough campus wide trash pick up. Come and join us as we tidy up our campus! Snacks and drinks will be provided after the activity. Meet us at the hut near Bank of Guam. The Pristine Campus Campaign is sponsored by the PCC Faculty Senate Association (FSA), the Classified Staff Organization (CSO), and the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC).


William Tim Mitchell, FSA Member
Chairman, Pristine Campus Campaign


Akiko Udai, CSO Treasurer
Member, Pristine Campus Campaign


Spencer O'Dell, ASPCC President
Member, Pristine Campus Campaign



ASPCC CSO

NEW LIBRARY HOURS ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the water rationing hours currently in place, the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library will change its operation hours to 8AM-5PM from Monday to Friday. On Saturdays, the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library will be open from 9AM-4PM.

PCC Endowment Fund

INVEST IN THE FUTURE

OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

TO SUPPORT, CONTACT US TODAY!

P.O. BOX 9 Koror, Palau 96940

Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/253)

e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

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

Celebrating Birthdays

Flora Wasisang





April 16

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION

 <http://pcc.palau.edu>

  Palau Community College - PCC

stamp here

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

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>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."