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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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## PCC Discusses Student Exchange Program with UoR



*PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel (fourth from left), PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui (second from right), and PCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil (third from left) meeting with the representatives from the University of the Ryukyus*

On Wednesday, September 07, 2016 six (6) representatives from the University of the Ryukyus (UoR) in Okinawa visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). The group met with PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and PCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil to discuss the implementation of a student exchange program between both institutions.

In 2001, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and UoR President Moshin Morita signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) about an exchange program for their undergraduate & graduate students. The MOU states that each institution may send & accept no more than one (1) student for each academic year. Each institution will be responsible for selecting its student for the exchange program and the hosting institution will award credits based on its requirements. The host institution will also determine the exchange student's study program. UoR, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### 2016-2017 ASPCC Election

The 2016-2017 Election for the Student Trustee and Officers/Senators of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPCC) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Students currently enrolled at Palau Community College (PCC) will have the opportunity to select a Student Trustee, ASPCC President, ASPCC President-Elect/Vice President, ASPCC Secretary, and ASPCC Treasurer to represent students in college events & activities. In addition, each island nation represented by the student body will select an Island Nation Student Representative who will serve as a Senator in the ASPCC. Two (2) representatives from each year, freshmen & sophomore, will also be selected in the upcoming election. Interested students were required to register at the PCC Dean of Students Office no later than Thursday, September 08, 2016. They were also required to obtain a petition form with signatures from at least twenty-five (25) classified students. For more information about the 2016-2016 ASPCC Election, please contact the PCC Dean of Students Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 269. ASPCC is responsible for the general welfare of the student body. Its members represent the students and are responsible for organizing activities that promote a sense of school spirit and unity among the students.

*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.*

## Tan Siu PCC Library Literacy Program

contributed by Interim Director of Library Services Pioria Asito



*Tan Siu Lin PCC Library Assistant Amanda Ebas using alphabets made from recycled bottle caps to teach children about letters*

On Tuesday, August 23, 2016 the Tan Siu Lin Palau Community College (PCC) Library began its literacy program at the PCC Day Care Center. The program was established in order to promote an interest in reading & writing among the younger population of Palau. The library's staff members engaged in literacy-building activities with the children in order to form a strong comprehension of numbers and the alphabet. Activities included games that helped the children to recognize letters, songs that identified numbers, and stories that were read aloud in order to build their interest in books. It was also an opportunity for the library to promote its Kids' Korner Collection by encouraging the children to visit the library for reading & writing activities. LITERACY, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

### 2016-2017 PCC-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

PIERANTOZZI SCHOLARSHIP

MATSON SCHOLARSHIP

MOYLAN'S INSURANCE SCHOLARSHIP

IP&E PALAU INC. SCHOLARSHIP

PRINCE LEEBOO SCHOLARSHIP

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TERRY T. NGIRMANG NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. ALSO, CONTACT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PCC-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS:

PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE  
(TEL): 488-2470/2471 EXT. 252 OR 253

## Sonia's Beauty Salon Donates to PCC

In support of the 2016 Palau Community College (PCC) Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraiser, Sonia's Beauty Salon donated two (2) \$25 Beauty Packages as prizes for the raffle drawing. The donation was presented by Mrs. Valeria A. Toribiong. The college would like to thank Sonia's Beauty Salon for its support! Information about the 2016 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event is available through the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253.



*PCC student Sky F. Meltel (left) receiving donation from Sonia's Beauty Salon Owner Valeria A. Toribiong (right)*

## WESTOP Awards Yoichi K. Rengiil

contributed by WESTOP

The Western Association of Educational Opportunity Personnel (WESTOP) awarded the 2016 Walter O. Mason, Jr. Award to Mr. Yoichi K. Rengiil. The award is presented to honor outstanding educational opportunity professionals who exemplify the sense of leadership and ideals of the late Walter O. Mason, Jr. who strongly supported the TRIO programs. Mr. Rengiil is from the WESTOP Pacific Islands Chapter. He began his TRIO career at the University of Guam (UOG) in 1986 under the Student Support Service (SSS) Program. With the assistance of UOG Dean of Students Dr. Dianne M. Strong, he wrote the SSS Grant Renewal that year. In 1989, Mr. Rengiil wrote the Upward Bound Grant and in 1992, with the assistance of the UB & SSS Staff, he wrote the first Talent Search Grant. WESTOP, CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



*Yoichi K. Rengiil (fifth from left) receiving the Walter O. Mason, Jr. Award from several of the past-presidents of WESTOP*



## BITS AND PIECES...

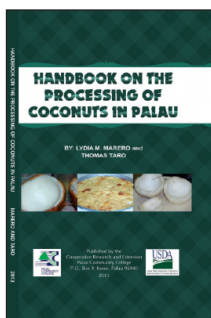
### Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

#### Hours of Operation

|                    |                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday to Thursday | 7:30 <sup>AM</sup> - 7 <sup>PM</sup> |
| Friday             | 7:30 <sup>AM</sup> - 5 <sup>PM</sup> |
| Saturday           | 9 <sup>AM</sup> - 6 <sup>PM</sup>    |
| Sunday             | CLOSED                               |

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

**AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:**  
**PROCESSING COCONUTS IN PALAU**  
BY DR. LYDIA MARERO AND THOMAS TARO



"Handbook on Processing Coconuts in Palau is a publication compiled by the Palau Community College (PCC) - Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) Department in line with the Palau National Economic Development Plan of 2020. It provides recipes and information about food production regarding coconuts. The purpose of the publication is to encourage the local production of food related to coconut in order to increase the Gross Domestic Products (GDP) in the Palau Agricultural Sector."

### Academic Calendar: Fall 2016

**October 03-07 (M-F)**

Mid-Term Examination Period

**October 21 (F)**

Last Day for All Withdrawals

**October 27 (TH)**

Spring 2017 Pre-Registration

**December 02 (F)**

Last Day of Instruction

### 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](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.

## UoR CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The meeting was also an opportunity for PCC and UoR to share information about their current academic programs.

The UoR Special Transfer Admission Program is an opportunity for the university to contribute to the human resource development of the Pacific islands by supporting graduates from community colleges in obtaining their bachelor's degrees. It will allow international students from the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) to obtain their bachelors degrees. An entrance examination for the exchange program is now tentatively scheduled for 2018 with the first admission in 2019.

UoR was established under the guidance of Michigan State University. The institution established traditions that promote freedom, equality, tolerance, and peace. The studies offered at the university are designed to meet the social & environmental needs of the world today. The University of the Ryukyus has supported the masters degree studies of numerous Palauans. Recently Victor Nestor, an alumnus of Palau Community College, completed his Masters Degree Program.

In addition to education, the university is also part of the Palau Coral Reef Island Ecosystem (P-CoRIE Project) involving Palau Community College and the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). The collaborative research project focuses on sustainable management of coral reefs and island ecosystems through scientific research of Palau's coral reefs. The data collected from the researches will help Palau and Japan understand effects of climate change of island ecosystems which will, in turn, form solutions for protecting their marine environments.

## Literacy CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

The Tan Siu Lin PCC Library is dedicated to the promotion of literacy in the community of Palau, especially among the young people. Its collection includes children's books, popular fiction, magazines, and non-fiction/references. Feel free to visit the Tan Siu Lin PCC Library or call (tel): 488-3540 to learn more about its information services.

## Message of Appreciation

I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to the administrators, faculty, staff, and students of Palau Community College (PCC) who showed their support during my time of grieving. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and I will not forget your selfless gestures that helped me through a most difficult time. Thank you all for keeping me and my family in your prayers. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for being there for me. I will never forget your kindness.

Sincerely Yours,

Hilda N. Reklai  
Director of Student Life & Housing

## PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

### LYNN LEEMREY THARNGAM

PCC ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SECRETARY

*"Focus on your studies & complete your education."*



Lynn Leemrey Tharngam was recently hired as a Secretary for the Academic Affairs Office of Palau Community College (PCC). Her duties include keeping files/records relevant to the college academic programs, assisting instructors (e. g., making copies of handouts), and various office work. Ms. Tharngam graduated from PCC in 2015 with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Office Administration. She worked at NECO Plaza before being hired at the college. In the future, she plans to continue her education in the field of business. Ms. Tharngam enjoys hanging out with friends in her free time. She is from the municipality of Tomil on the island of Yap.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### SHEILA J. PEDRO

(Class of 2016)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - NURSING CAREER LADDER



Sheila graduated with an AS Degree in the Nursing Career Ladder. She currently works as a Licensed Practical Nurse for the Belau National Hospital under the Ministry of Health.



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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.

## WESTOP CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

In 1987, Mr. Rengiil assisted with writing a Drug & Alcohol Abuse Grant that funded a program that served students at the university for eight (8) years. He also helped UOG secure millions of dollars in external funds that have and continue to support the institution in serving low-income/first-generation college students as well as students with disabilities. In 1994, Mr. Rengiil was appointed to serve as acting Dean of Students at the University of Guam while concurrently serving as the Director of multiple TRIO Programs.

For nearly a decade, Mr. Rengiil has been active in the organization of fundraising activities, especially with rising seniors in the UOG TRiO Upward Bound Program as part of their community service. The students have donated the proceeds of these activities to the university and the Palau Community College (PCC) Endowment Fund. In 1994, Mr. Rengiil was appointed by President of the Republic of Palau Kuniwo Nakamura as a member of the PCC Board of Trustees.

### Celebrating Birthdays

Jackery R. Ngiltii  
Howard M. Charles



September 14  
September 15

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### 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
- (3) Maintenance Technicians (4)  
(Administration Department - Physical Plant)  
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (4) Library Assistant  
(Tan Siu Lin PCC Library)  
salary range: \$6,086 - \$10,408 per annum
- (5) Twenty-Three (24) Part-Time Tutors  
(Talent Search Office)  
salary range: \$400 - 1,200 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

### INVEST IN THE FUTURE

OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

**To SUPPORT,  
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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

e-mail: [tellei@palau.edu](mailto:tellei@palau.edu)

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

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