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Tropospheric Ozone Presentation Held at PCC



Engineer Katrin Müller (standing by podium) sharing results from the three-month StratoClim Project that was conducted in Palau

A presentation entitled “Measuring the Tropospheric Ozone Minimum in the Tropic West Pacific” was held at the Assembly Hall of Palau Community College (PCC) on Friday, October 14, 2016. Engineer Katrin Müller from the Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI) in Germany led the presentation. Attendees of the event included Honorary Consul of Germany to Palau Thomas W. Schubert, officials from the Palau National Government, and students as well as staff members of the college.

The presentation by Ms. Müller shared results from the StratoClim Project (stratospheric and upper tropospheric processes for better climate predictions). The project aimed to integrate data from modeling, space-based observations, and measurements during tropical campaigns to improve the representation of key atmospheric process in climate models. PRESENTATION, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

HAPPY UNITED NATIONS DAY, PALAU!

FROM THE PCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PRESIDENT,
ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STAFF, AND 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.

Dr. Melinda Nish Visits PCC

On Monday, October 17, 2016 Dr. Melinda Nish visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). Dr. Nish is the current Executive Advisor to the President & Interim Vice President at College of the Marshall Islands (CMI). She met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) Deikola Olikong, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and PCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil to exchange information regarding their respective learning institutions as well as share news related to education in the Pacific region. Dr. Nish previously served as the Superintendent/President of the Southwestern College in Cula Vista, California USA. She also chaired the External Evaluation Team appointed by the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC-WASC) to evaluate PCC earlier this year.



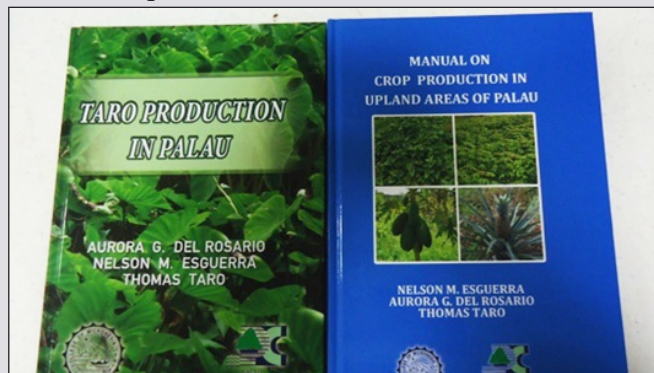
(left to right): PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, PCC Accreditation Liaison Officer Deikola Olikong, Dr. Melinda Nish, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and PCC Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Marianne Temaungil

CRE Publishes Books on Agriculture

contributed by the PCC Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE)

The Palau Community College Cooperative Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) recently published two (2) new books on agriculture. The first book entitled "Taro Production in Palau" was written by PCC-CRE Researcher Dr. Aurora G. Del Rosario, Dr. Nelson M. Esguerra, and PCC-CRE Vice President Thomas Taro. The book provides information about the cultural management practices of the three (3) taro growing production systems of Palau: *mesei*, *dechel*, and *sers*.

Also discussed are methods for controlling insect pests & diseases that effect taro and taro production. Descriptions of the distinct features of the local and introduced taro varieties grown in Palau are also in the publication. PCC-CRE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



New PCC-CRE Agriculture Books: Taro Production in Palau and the Manual on Crop Production in Upland Areas of Palau

Palau Student Organization Elections



Republic of Palau Student Organization (RPSO) President Tewid Rebluud (standing) explaining the election procedure

The Republic of Palau Student Organization (RPSO) of Palau Community College (PCC) held an election for its officers on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. All Palauan students currently enrolled at the college were encouraged to participate in the election. It was held at the PCC Assembly Hall. RPSO, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

PalauEPIA Representatives Visit PCC



(left to right): PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Mr. Peter Adelbai, Mr. Sony Suzuki, PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, and Mr. Hidemichi Takanashi

On Tuesday, October 11, 2016 two (2) representatives from the Palau Eco Premium Island Association (PalauEPIA) accompanied by Mr. Peter Adelbai visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). They met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui to discuss how the association could assist the college in terms of supporting or improving its learning resources, specifically the technology resources used in classrooms. The representatives were PalauEPIA Chief Advisor Sony Suzuki and PalauEPIA Director Hidemichi Takanashi.

PalauEPIA supports the establishment of friendly ties between Japan and the Republic of Palau and assisting countries that are affected by global warming & climate change. By supporting the technological advancement and economical development of the islands, PalauEPIA aims to contribute the development of eco-friendly infrastructure as well as the promotion of global peace through cultural exchanges.



Communicable Diseases Unit (CDU) Presents:



HALLOWEEN BASH

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

PCC Ewatel Building

9AM - 3PM

FREE for EVERYONE!

"EARLY DETECTION IS THE BEST PROTECTION"

- Education
- Counseling, Screening, and Testing
- Condom Demonstration
- Sexual & Reproductive Health
- Weight, Height, and Blood Pressure Check
- Urine-based Testing for Chlamydia & Gonorrhea
- Arrange Appointment for Testing

For more information, contact the PCC Health Resource Center at (tel): 488-8618 or the Health Information Resource Center at (tel): 488-1757/6500.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

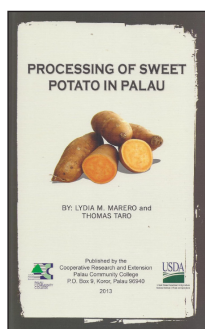
Hours of Operation

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:

Processing of Sweet Potato in Palau
by Dr. Lydia Marero and Thomas Taro



"Processing of Sweet Potato in Palau provides recipes derived from locally grown sweet potatoes, especially for value-added processed food products. Development of processed sweet potato food products will ensure a stable supply that will provide food security in Palau."

Academic Calendar: Fall 2016

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 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.

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An atmospheric observatory was opened on the college campus on January 16, 2016. Engineers from Germany spent three (3) months in Palau collecting data from the observatory.

A pilot study had determined the air around Palau as the cleanest in the world making it the ideal location for conducting studies about climate and air in relation the global composition of the stratosphere. The atmospheric observatory provided data that filled the gap in global observational networks. Information about the atmospheric composition of the tropical West Pacific Warm Pool was also collected via the observatory.

The atmospheric observatory in Palau was equipped with instruments used to measure the stratospheric ozone & aerosol, the distribution of water vapor, and the abundance of other trace gases in the atmosphere. The StratoClim Project is composed of thirty-two (32) atmospheric research institutions supported by eleven (11) European countries. Data collected from the observatories will improve the representation of atmospheric processes and the scientific community's overall understanding of climate change. The project is funded by the European Union.

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PCC-CRE conducts on Palau Adaptation to Climate Change through management of sea level rise and salt water intrusion into taro patches and the identification of salt tolerant taro varieties in Palau are also presented.

The second book is called the "Manual on Crop Production in Upland Areas of Palau" written by Dr. Esguerra, Dr. Del Rosario, and PCC-CRE Vice President Taro. The book provides information about the cultural management of crops that can be grown in upland areas of Palau, especially when lowland areas become unfit for taro production. Crops mentioned in the public include sweet potato, cassava, corn, banana, papaya, soursop, pineapple, citrus, guava, dragon fruit, long beans, cucumber, okra, eggplant, radish, kangkum, pumpkin, Chinese cabbage, bitter melon, green onion, chili pepper, tomato, and watermelon. These crops are a source of food that will help Palau food hunger caused by climate change.

Copies of these books are available at the PCC Tan Siu Lin Library. PCC-CRE also distributed copies to local schools and state government offices for references.

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Organized by the PCC Office of Student Services, the election was conducted by PCC Student Activities Supervisor James N. Sato and RPSO President Tewid Reblud. The students who attended the meeting were asked to nominate officers before the election by show-of-hand. The following students were selected as new officers of the RPSO: Mr. McGraig Takeshi (Vice President), Ms. Kersten Dismas (Secretary), and Ms. Dae-mi Ngirmidol (Treasurer).

The college congratulates the new officers and wish them the best in their roles as RPSO representatives for the 2016-2017 school year.

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

TESSMARIE U. KODEP

STUDENT ACCOUNT SUPERVISOR - BUSINESS OFFICE

"With God, everything is possible."



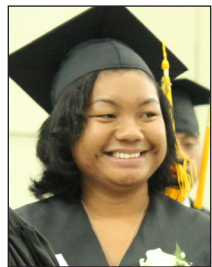
Tessmarie U. Kodep is the Student Account Supervisor at the Business Office of Palau Community College (PCC). She is responsible for the charges & payments related to student accounts. Ms. Kodep graduated from PCC in 2004 with an Associate of Science Degree in Office Administration. She continued her education at Eastern Oregon University where she graduated in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Currently, Ms. Kodep is completing her Masters in Education Studies through the San Diego State University (SDSU) Cohort Program at the college. Ms. Kodep enjoys reading books and spending time with her family & friends.

ALUMNI NOTES

ADRIA RIMU DANIEL

(Class of 2016)

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE - NURSING CAREER LADDER



Adria graduated in May 2016 with an AS Degree in Nursing. She plans to continue her education in at the University of Hawaii in Hilo.



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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.

Show your support for the 2016 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event by purchasing a \$10 Raffle Ticket! Your support will help Palau's only institution of higher learning continue to provide the much needed academic programs & training that will help sustain the future of our islands.

2016 PCC Thanksgiving Endowment Fundraising Event
will take place on **Wednesday, November 23, 2016**
from **11AM - 5PM** at the
PCC Mesekiu Bai

For more information about the fundraiser, please contact the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253. You may also contact the PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao at (email): tchuziet@palau.edu or tchuziet@gmail.com.



**SUPPORT THE 2016 PCC THANKSGIVING
ENDOWMENT FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Celebrating Birthdays

Samantha T. Bells

October 21

Itwong Ngirai Kelau

October 24

Todd N. Ngiramengior

October 27



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) Counselor
(Student Life & Housing Office)
salary range: \$12,653 - \$19,479 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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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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

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