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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Holds End-of-the-Year Endowment Luncheon



PCC Dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui (far left), PCC Director of Development Tchuzie Tadao (second from left), and PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel (far right) with End-of-the-Year Endowment Luncheon Raffle Grand Prize Winner Mr. John Takisang (second from right)

On Friday, December 30, 2016 Palau Community College (PCC) hosted its annual End-of-the-Year Luncheon Event. The luncheon was an opportunity for the college to recognize the community members from local agencies & businesses who have been contributing regularly to its Endowment Fund. All bi-weekly contributors of the PCC Endowment Fund were invited to enjoy the luncheon and participate in the raffle drawing.

Prizes for the raffle drawing included gift certificates, cash prizes, wooden furniture, and an array of material items. The Grand Prize was a Round-Trip Ticket to Guam with \$500 Cash. All bi-weekly contributors of the PCC Endowment Fund were eligible to join the raffle drawing.

PCC would like to congratulate the following who won the top three (3) prizes of the drawing: Mr. John Takisang (Grand Prize), Ms. Annette Tirso (Second Grand Prize), and Ms. Maria Teruzi (Baby Grand Prize). 2016 END-OF-THE-YEAR, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

Tokai University Visits PCC

Representatives from Tokai University visited Palau Community College (PCC) on Wednesday, January 05, 2017. They met with PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel to discuss plans for the upcoming overseas educational program of the university. As part of their educational experience, students from the university are given the opportunity to visit countries on a cruise ship called *Bosei Maru*. Last year, Tokai University students visited Palau during a thirty-four (34) day trip in the Pacific. Representatives from Tokai University who met with PCC Dean Daniel were Mr. Kazuyuki Hoshino (Section Chief of the International Education Center of Tokai University), Dr. Kyoko Takashima (Department of Navigation under the School of Marine Science & Technology at Tokai University), and Professor Masafumi Chiba. TOKAI, CONTINUED ON PAGE 3



(left to right): Tokai University International Education Center Section Chief Kazuyuki Hoshino, PCC Dean of Students Sherman Daniel, and Tokai University Professor Dr. Kyoko Takashima

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.

Research on Heat Resistant Corals

contributed by the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)

Since July 2016, the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) has been conducting a study on the impact of snorkelers on the coral reefs of Palau, specifically in popular tourist snorkeling areas in the rock islands. PICRC Researcher Evelyn I. Otto and her colleagues recently released a report entitled “Impacts of Snorkelers on Shallow Coral Reef Communities in Palau” that provides information and data regarding this study.

PICRC Researcher Otto and her colleagues examined the effects of the high number of snorkelers on the reefs at five (5) sites at the Rock Islands Southern Lagoon (RISL). Areas where the research was conducted include Fantasy Island, Cemetery Reefs, Wonder Channel, Big Drop-Off, and Rose Garden. Surveys in these areas were conducted twice, once in July 2015 (low season) and once in January 2016 (high season). At each site, conducted surveys collected information about the benthic community and the fish community. Observations regarding the snorkelers’ behavior were also noted. The researchers compared the results of their surveys with between popular snorkeling sites and references sites of less visited sites.

The data from the research study shows that snorkeling sites had significantly higher rubble cover and coral fragments. In contrast to corals, fish sizes were significantly larger at popular snorkeling sites compared to the reference sites.

Copies of the research report have been distributed to relevant agencies. Interested individuals may also find a copy at the PICRC Library or download an e-copy from the PICRC website (<http://www.picrc.org>).

PICRC is Palau’s leading research & aquarium institution with a mission to guide efforts that support coral reef stewardship through research and its applications in Palau, Micronesia, and the world. Its vision is to empower people with science and knowledge for effective marine conservation and management. PICRC works with local as well as international contributors in order to provide information for better decision-making regarding use, management, and conservation of marine resources.

For more information regarding the PICRC snorkeling research or for more information about the organization, please contact the Palau Coral Reef Center at (tel): 488-6950 or (email): picrc@picrc.org.

SPRING 2017 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Palau Community College (PCC) would like to inform the general public that the New Student Orientation for the Spring 2017 semester is scheduled for Monday, January 09, 2017. New students will meet with the staff of the Student Life Office to discuss the registration process, degree programs, and learning services available at the college. The New Student Orientation will be held at the PCC Assembly Hall. All new students are required to attend the orientation. For more information regarding the New Student Orientation, please contact the PCC Student Life Office at (tel): 488-2690, 488-3036, or 488-2470/2471 ext. 266.

time: 8:00AM

place: PCC Assembly Hall

date: Monday, January 09, 2017

Dr. Yuji Uesugi Visits PCC Campus



*Dr. Yuji Uesugi
Waseda University*

Waseda University Professor Dr. Yuji Uesugi recently visited the campus of Palau Community College (PCC). As part of a research that he is conducting about international conflict analysis, Dr. Uesugi met with Palauans who were alive during the Japanese Administration and World War II. He conducted interviews with the Palauans to learn more about their life experiences during these periods. Dr. Uesugi also visited local areas significant to Japan’s time in Palau, such as Palau Community College, to learn more about his country’s influence on the island. An associate professor at Waseda University, Dr. Uesugi is part of the International Research and Education Faculty under the School of International Liberal Studies. He has written numerous research papers about conflict resolution, peacebuilding, peacekeeping operations, conflict analysis, civil-military coordination, and security sector reform. Dr. Uesugi teaches courses in the fields of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, Introduction to Peace & Conflict Studies at Waseda University.

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: FINE GARDENING MAGAZINE



"Fine Gardening Magazine brings you breath-taking design ideas, helpful techniques, and the know-how to get great results in your own garden. In every issue we offer expert know-how on design, plants, techniques, and more. In fact, Fine Gardening Magazine is the only gardening magazine that provides a full set of instructions for every inspired idea we show you."

Academic Calendar: Spring 2017

January 09 (M)

New Student Orientation

January 10-11 (T-W)

Spring 2017 Registration Period

January 12 (TH)

Spring 2017 Late Registration

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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Established in 1998, the PCC Endowment Fund supports the future security of Palau's only institution of higher learning. It ensures that PCC continues to provide post-secondary education as well as career & technical training that meets the needs of Palau, Micronesia, and the Pacific region.

Through the support of bi-weekly contributors, the PCC Endowment Fund has continued to thrive in order to meet the future needs of the community. Palau Community College expresses its deepest thanks & gratitude to all the bi-weekly contributors who have continued to support the college. It is through the support of the community that PCC continues to provide the necessary education for Palau's future.

If you are interested in becoming a bi-weekly contributor of the PCC Endowment or would like more information regarding the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact the PCC Development Office at (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253.



PCC Staff assisting with tax refund forms



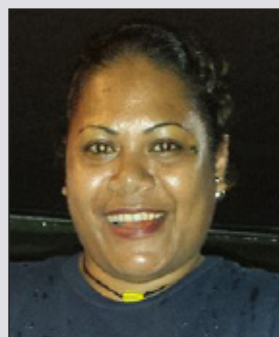
Bi-weekly contributors attending the luncheon

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The Tokai University Overseas Educational Program is an opportunity for the university students to expand their understanding of different cultures and international matters. While visiting foreign places, the students also participate in interactions with the local community that promote cultural understanding, such as student exchanges with college/university students.

The 48th Overseas Educational Cruise is currently planning to visit Palau on March 20, 2017. During their visit, students from Tokai University will participate in exchanges with PCC students and participate in performances that promote Japan & the Japanese culture.

Newest Contributor to the PCC Endowment Fund



Palau Community College (PCC) would like to recognize its newest Endowment Fund contributor, Ms. Rayna Arurang. Ms. Arurang currently works as an Office Clerk for the Ngarchelong State Government. Thank you, Ms. Arurang, 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.

PCC CAMPUS PROFILES

GUESS WHO!

RULES: GUESS THE PEOPLE FEATURED IN THE PHOTOGRAPH BELOW AND WIN A PRIZE COURTESY OF THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. ALL STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEMPT THIS CHALLENGE.



Palau Community College (PCC) has continued to strive because of the dedication & commitment of its employees. The photograph above features two (2) administrative members who have been employed at the college for many years. If you could identify the two as well as their current positions/job titles, the PCC Development Office will reward you. All students (except the students who are working for the PCC Development Office) are eligible to attempt this challenge. Please visit the PCC Development Office to submit your answer or call (tel): 488-2470/2471 ext. 251, 252, or 253 for more information. An answer will be featured in next week's newsletter!

ALUMNI NOTES

NOELANI NGIRAMENGIOR

(Class of 2016)

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE - AUTO MECHANICS TECHNOLOGY



Noelani graduated from PCC in May 2016 with an AAS Degree in Automotive Mechanics Technology. She plans to continue her education in Hawaii.



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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.

PCC 2017 SPRING SEMESTER STUDENT REGISTRATION PROCESS

New & returning students are reminded to follow the registration process when enrolling for the new semester. Please follow the four (4) simple steps to complete your registration process:

1. Pay \$50 Tuition Registration Fee at Business Office
2. Pick-up Registration Packet at the Registrar's Office
3. Meet with Counselor/Academic Advisor at the Student Life Office to discuss classes and program requirements for the semester
4. Submit Class Schedule to the Registrar's Office for an Official Copy & Complete the Spring 2017 Registration

Celebrating Birthdays

Wiles Tmecherur
William O. Wally
Siliang Michael



January 06
January 11
January 11

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor
(Academic Affairs Office)
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (2) Maintenance Technicians (4)
(Administration Department - Physical Plant)
salary range: \$8,155 - \$13,948 per annum
- (3) Counselor
(Student Life & Housing Office)
salary range: \$12,653 - \$19,479 per annum
- (4) Counselor
(PCC Adult High School)
salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 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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OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

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CONTACT US TODAY!**

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

FIND PCC ONLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION



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