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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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# AG Science Presents Research Output

Contributed by Alex M. Gachalian



(Front L-R) Wandalyne Yasuo, Tess Marsil, Leedia Ngrirawes, instructors Darold Klindworth & Alex Gachalian, Rikio Hashimoto & Ayako Oya (ICETT). (Back L-R) Goran Vanoosterweyck, Elway Thomas, Shaina Mimong, Berica Laamow, Joshua Mongkeya, Stephen Mara, & Evelyn Tachibélmel.

The Japan International Cooperating Agency (JICA) and International Center for Environmental Technology Transfer (ICETT) in

cooperation with the Solid Wastes Management Office (SWMO) held a seminar last February 23, 2013 at PCC Assembly Hall.

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## Recruitment & Financial Aid Night Sessions

Contributed by Admissions & Financial Aid



Dir. Katosang presents to Palau High School students and parents.

During February 4 - 18, 2013, college representatives from the Office of Admissions

& Financial Aid consisted of Director of Admissions & Financial Aid Dahlia M.

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## BOT Adopts Midterm Report

February 20 – The Board of Trustees, in a duly called regular meeting of the Board reviewed and officially approved the College's Midterm Report. The report contains the college's responses to the visiting team's recommendations following the 2009 comprehensive evaluation as well as college's responses to its own Planning Agenda in the 2009 Self-Study Report. In attendance to help facilitate the review of the report were Accreditation Liaison Officer Deikola Olikong and Assistant Accreditation Liaison Officer Marianne Temaungil.

Following the adoption of the report, President Dr. Tellei thanked the trustees for their participation in the accreditation process, ALO Olikong and AALO Temaungil, mem-

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## INTERNATIONAL NIGHT 2013

**The ASSOCIATED STUDENTS  
OF PCC INVITES YOU.**

Theme: "Classes of Cultures"

When: Saturday, March 09

Venue: PCC Cafeteria

Time: 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

**Come & Celebrate With US!**

*Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.*



## Recruitment cont'd from p.1

Katosang, Admissions Counselor Mekreos Silil and Financial Aid Counselor Lakolani Olngelel were busy with recruitment at the local high schools during the day and holding financial aid night sessions in the evenings for high school seniors and their parents.

Topics discussed during the Recruitment meetings included college's academic programs and services, and the admissions requirements. Admissions Application Forms were distributed to interested seniors to complete with the assistance of the college personnel. The topics discussed during financial aid night sessions with the seniors and their parents included information about Federal Student Aid Programs, eligibility requirements and forms were distributed to interested students to complete with assistance of college personnel.

By meeting high schools in smaller groups, the college was able to reach 191(77%) of the 248 seniors including PCC Adult High School students for recruitment and 135 (54%) for the financial aid night sessions. As part of the recruitment activities, we will continue to contact students who were not able to attend sessions and provide information and assistance to them to attend PCC. For the month of March 2013, we will continue to conduct financial aid sessions with our continuing students to discuss new federal updates and complete financial aid forms including 2013-2014 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.



Bethania High School students & Mekreos Silil.



Emmaus High School students.

# Alingano Maisu's 4th Non Instrument Navigation Trip

*Alingano Maisu* set sail on Sunday, Feb. 24, 2013 from Drop-Off dock for the fourth year with excited cheers and farewell greetings from college officials, families, friends, and spectators. This sailing expedition integrates classroom learning of Non Instrument Navigation to real-life learning experiences for learners. The journey will make a first stop at the Southwestern island of Sonsorol then continue on to the island of Ulithi in Yap, and return to Palau in April 2013.

### The Voyagers

Sesario Sewralur, Master Navigator  
Miano Sowraenpiy, Crew  
Albino Esoailug, Crew  
Kurt Ngiraked, Crew/Student  
Rodney Kazuma, Crew/Student  
Murais Sebangiol, Crew/Student  
Arbedul Koshiba, Crew/Student  
Aylie Baker, Volunteer/Student/Voyager  
Kazuyo Hayashi, Volunteer/Student  
Voyager  
Helen Anne Schonwalter, Guest

Interested individuals who would like to learn the art of Non Instrument Navigation at PCC are encouraged to contact Norma Etibek at 488-2470/2471.

Once-in-a Lifetime Experience!



Mindszenty High School students & Dir. Katosang.



Emmaus High School students.

### *Alingano Maisu*



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members of the Accreditation Steering Committee and subcommittees for contributing to the completion of the report. With the board approval, the report will be submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) by March 15, 2013.



## ***BITS AND PIECES...***

### **TOEFL Test Date**

**TOEFL TEST - MAY 04, 2013  
SATURDAY**

**Online Registration Deadline**  
April 01, 2013  
\$160.00

### **Tan Siu Lin PCC Library**

#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday to Thursday: 8am - 8pm  
Friday: 8am - 5pm  
Saturday: 9am - 6pm  
Sunday: CLOSED  
Call 488-3540 for information

### **Calendar of Events**

Mar 4-8 (M-F) Mid-Term Period  
Mar 11-14 (M-F) Students' Spring Break  
March 15 (F) Youth Day (Holiday)  
March 22 (F) Last Day for All Withdrawals

### **News/Stories Wanted**

*MESEKIU'S NEWS* welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to [dilubchs@palau.edu](mailto:dilubchs@palau.edu) and [alvinam@palau.edu](mailto:alvinam@palau.edu).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

Please call 488-2470/2471 x 251, 252, & 253 for more information.

## **ETS: Meyuns Elem. School**

Contributed by Educational Talent Search Office

On Saturday, February 9, 2013, Talent Search Participants from Meyuns Elementary School went on a field trip to Milky Way, Ulong, Jelly Fish Lake, Ngchus Rock Island and Cemetery. The trip was very helpful because its purpose was to enhance the students' learning by applying what they have learned in the classroom to the environment.

Due to rough waters and the tide, we were unable to go to Milky Way and Ulong. Arriving at Jelly Fish Lake at 9:45am to be exact, 34 students were very excited and stood in line to climb up the steep hill just to get to the other side to see the water where the jelly fishes were. The friendly Koror state ranger was very patient and answered some of the students "wonder" questions about the Jelly Fish Lake.

After returning back to the boat, the next



stop was Ngchus rock island for lunch. Around 2:00pm, the last stop was the Cemetery. The students were excited to see the different kinds of fish. They were amazed at how tamed the fishes were. Some students were scared enough not to go in the water but the rest jumped in the water. According to the students, the trip allowed them to link learning in the classroom to learning experiences in the environment. It is certainly more fun and interesting to see and experience things than just reading books.

### **Project** cont'd from p.1



Caipo Recheungel & Kohei Usami-ICETT Director of Research Unit.

It was participated with people in the community involved in kitchen waste management program from Koror State, SWMO personnel, and PCC Agriculture students. The seminar highlighted the importance of managing our kitchen wastes correctly and the proper methods of converting them into a usable and productive material that will benefit our crop growers while living in a clean and healthy environment. PCC Agriculture Program with JICA and ICETT conducted a research entitled "THE IMPLICATIONS OF USING DIFFERENT LEVELS OF KITCHEN WASTES COMPOST ON THE



Assoc. Professor Gachalian.

PERFORMANCE OF PECHAY (*Brassica rappa* cv Hari Digma) at R&D STATION which aims to determine the effectiveness of using kitchen wastes compost to growing crops. This experiment was presented during the seminar and the data obtained from the crop growth, yield, and taste attributes were statistically analyzed, interpreted, and discussed during its presentation. The benefits of crop and the soil from using compost were emphasized by the presenters as an economic advantage in obtaining a sustainable agriculture.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### Class of 2007

*Victor Nestor*



Earned an Associate of Science in Environmental/Marine Science. After completing his internship at PICRC as an Asst. Researcher, he attended the Univ. of Hawaii-Hilo and received his Bachelor degree in Marine Science. He is currently a PICRC researcher since October 2012.

*Message: Try your best at*

*whatever you do. Be patient.*

### Class of 2010

*David Salapwa*



Earned an Associate of Applied Science in Construction Technology. He was a crew member of Alingano Maisu until 2011. He is currently working at PCC as a Student Activities Specialist in Recreation Office.

*Message: Continue to pursue further education. Keep our campus clean.*

### Class of 2012

*Sylvester Melaetog*



Earned an Associate of Applied Science in Electrical Technology. He works at PCC Maintenance Office.

*Message: Work hard on your studies and further your education with courage.*

## 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 alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone numbers 488-2470/2471 x 251, 252, and 253.

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

PCC website: [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu)



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**The Board of Trustees,  
Dr. Tellei, administrators,  
faculty and staff, and  
students**

**offer condolences to PCC  
Board of Trustees Chair  
Bilung Gloria G. Salii and  
her family for the loss  
of her sister,  
Techekii Sinobu Merep.**

**May God Bless You  
and Your Family.**

## PCC Endowment Fund Donors

Dr. Tellei, administrators, faculty  
and staff, and students  
**THANK YOU** for your  
commitment to increase our  
College's Endowment Fund.

Please file your application for tax  
refund on or before Friday,  
March 29, 2013.

*Stop by the Development Office  
for assistance.*

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Our Students, Our College, and  
Our Nation**

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*If you want to enroll in the Biweekly*

*Allotment program, call us NOW.*

## Celebrating Birthdays

Deikola Olikong

Mar 08

William T. Mitchell

Mar 12



**Happy Birthday To You!**

## Special Air Fares for Palauan Students

### Fly Delta Airlines

Traveling from Palau to Honolulu  
and the U.S Mainland

Call 488-2255 Monday-Friday  
(except holidays) 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *Federal Work-Study Coordinator, Office of Admissions & Financial Aid*  
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum
- (2) *English Instructor, Learning Resource Center*  
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) *Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Instructor Academic Affairs*  
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$21,191 per annum
- (4) *Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center*  
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (5) *Librarian, Tan Siu Lin PCC Library*  
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum

For application forms and information, please  
contact Harline Haruo at PCC Human Resources  
Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227.

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