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Weekly Newsletter

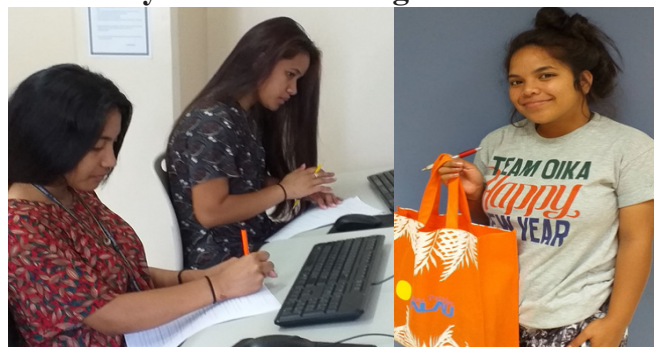
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PCC CRE Hatchery Releases 10K Crablets to Ngermeduu Bay



PCC CRE staff and students releasing the hatchery produced crablets at Ngermeduu Bay

3rd Library Orientation Program a Success



On February 22, 2020 PCC library staff conducted a 3rd FSM & RMI Library Orientation designed to contribute to student success by helping students pick up library skills that they might need for their research and other studies while attending PCC. The Library session included a tour of the (1st & 2nd floors) of the library, presentation regarding information for each area of the library reference sections including the opportunity for students to apply for free library card. The students learned how to use the online catalog so that they could find useful and interesting books in the library's collection, as well as how to search the EBSCO database for articles that they might need when writing research papers. The session ended with a Library Scavenger Hunt to test their new skills. One student with the most correct answers in the least amount of time won a prize bag full of goodies. The PCC library management and staff thank all the students who participated and PCC the following PCC staff who contributed to the success of this program: President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Director Deikola Olikong, Director Clara M. Andreas, Director Mary A. Nabeyama, Dean Jefferson Thomas, Director Lesley Adachi, Acting Director Hellen Imanuel, and Associate Dean Marianne Temaungil.

A total of 10,000 half inch size mangrove crab (Chemang) crablets that were produced at PCC Multi-species Hatchery were harvested and released to the Ngermeduu Bay in two batches last November 16 and December 26, 2019. This effort was done in support to the ongoing collaborative project on stock enhancement for mangrove crabs between the Palau Community College - Cooperative Research and Extension (PCC-CRE), The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and The Environment Inc. (TEI). Prior to the release of these crablets, a series of pre-stock enhancement assessment were conducted to determine the baseline population of mangrove crabs within the bay. Initial data that were collected showed a very low catch per unit effort (0 to 0.325 crabs/per trap per day) that means the mangrove crab population in the area is already depleted. A follow-up crab trapping survey will be conducted 3 to 4 months after the release of these crablets to determine the survival rate and contribution to mangrove crab population in the Ngermeduu Bay which is one of the established mangrove crab fishery areas in the Republic of Palau.

Palau Community College is an accessible comprehensive 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.

PCC CSO LOGO CONTESTANT WINNER



On February 26, 2020 Palau Community College Classified Staff Organization finally awarded the winner competition, Ishim from Financial to present the of \$100 was U. Kodep a Classified Staff Organization. There were eight (8) entry submitted for review by CSO officers.



Ms. Dilmeang the Office of Aid. On hand winning prize Ms. Tessmarie member of the Staff Organization.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS UPDATES



Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Situation Report

Palau Ministry of Health - External Situation Report

3 February 2020 - 10:00 PWT

GLOBAL SITUATION OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Health (MOH) is closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December of 2019, which has now been exported to several other countries. Person-to-person transmission has occurred among close contacts, including family members in the same household, of confirmed cases and healthcare workers caring for infected patients. **WHO Director General declared this outbreak of novel coronavirus as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on January 30, 2020.**

As of February 3, 2020:

- At least **16,789** confirmed cases have been reported for novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) globally; 16,618 cases within mainland China.
- 180** confirmed cases reported outside of mainland China in 26 countries and areas: **Thailand, Hong Kong, Australia, France, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Japan, Macau, South Korea, United States, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Nepal, Canada, Germany, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, United Arab Emirates, Finland, Russia, Italy, India, Sweden, Philippines, and Spain.**
- 362** deaths have been reported – 361 in mainland China; 1 death in the **Philippines**.
- Person-to-person transmission reported in several countries outside of China including the US and Japan.

PALAU READINESS AND RESPONSE

As of February 3, 2020:

- There are **NO SUSPECTED CASES** of 2019 nCoV in Palau.
- MOH Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated on Jan. 22, 2020 to implement preparedness and response measures to minimize the risk of importation and potential local transmission of 2019 n-CoV to Palau.
- Health screening initiated on Jan. 23, 2020 at Palau International Airport and Malakal seaport to screen all visitors to Palau. Over 2,000 visitors screened at points of entries (PoE) to date. All arriving passengers and crew must declare a health declaration form.
- Preparations being undertaken at the Belau National Hospital (BNH) to receive and care for critically ill suspect cases.
- Risk communication efforts initiated by MOH to relay credible and timely information to stakeholders and relevant information to the public and will continue to provide updates as they become available.
- Executive Order 433 signed by President Tommy Remengesau, Jr. on Jan. 30, 2020 temporarily suspending flights from People's Republic of China, Hong Kong, and Macau to Palau for the month of February.
- Health Alert for travellers issued by MOH on Jan. 30, 2020 recommending avoidance of non-essential travel to mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau.
- MOH continues to urge the public to practice basic public health measures to prevent respiratory infections:
 - Respiratory etiquette:** cover your cough and sneeze with a clean tissue or your sleeve.
 - Hand hygiene:** Frequent handwashing with soap and warm water.

DR. SATOSHI TAJIMA DONATES TO PCC LIBRARY



On February 26, 2020 Dr. Satoshi Tajima donated a book to PCC Library International Collection. The title of the reference book is Poupelle of Chimney Town. On hand to received the donation was Acting Director of library Services Ms. Asito. PCC library thanks Dr. Tajima for donating to the college library.

PCC Faculty Senate Association 11th Annual
Gentlemen's Gourmet
FOOD TASTING EVENT

DATE: Saturday, April 25, 2020
TIME: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm
PLACE: Ngarachamayong Cultural Center

Come and enjoy the culinary creations of local gentlemen & chefs.

Buy a ticket for only \$20.00 each and you will be entered for a chance to win fabulous prizes. Not only that, you will get 1 complimentary drink of your choice and the opportunity to taste some of the most delicious dishes from around the world.

Money raised will help secure scholarships for future PCC Students.

If you would like to be a chef, buy a ticket, or make a donation, please call 488-2471 ext. 240 and ask for Margie Buban, Emnuel Meteolechol, Danka Ledgerwood, Derbei Meyar or any FSA member.

Palau Community College Faculty Senate Association Registered Non-Profit Organization

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:

Consumer Reports Magazine



Consumer Reports is an independent, nonprofit member organization that works side by side with consumers for truth, transparency, and fairness in the marketplace. In addition to rigorous research, investigative journalism, and consumer advocacy, CR works with other organizations, including media, consumer groups, research and testing consortiums, and philanthropic partners to inform purchase decisions, improve the products and services that businesses deliver, and drive regulatory and fair competitive practices.

Academic Calendar

March 2 -6, 2020
Mid-Term Period

March 16, 2020
Holiday: Youth Day

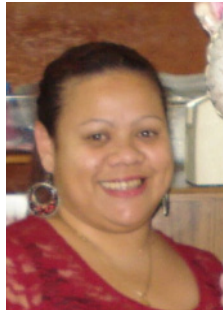
News/Stories Wanted

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.

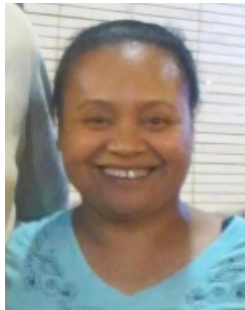
Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251, 252, or 253) for more information.

Newest Contributors to the PCC Endowment Fund



Crystal Meltel



Marcy Andrew

Palau Community College would like to recognize our newest endowment fund contributors, Ms. Crystal Meltel and Ms. Marcy Andrew.

Ms. Meltel works for the Ministry of Education (MOE).

Ms. Marcy Andrew works for the Palau National Olympic Committee (PNOC).

Thank you Ms. Meltel and Ms. Andrew for your contributions to Palau's only institution of higher learning! Your donations will help sustain the future stability of our college.

Attention Students

ROP President Tommy E. Remengsau, Jr. has signed the RPPL 10-49 that will ensure all Palau-ans regardless of financial status, have the ability to pursue higher education at Palau Community College. This bill also ensures that this new requirement does not negatively impact PCC's finances and will include \$60,000 to help offset the bill's cost.

All students no matter the financial status will be supported by this grant. It still applies even if a student is denied funding from all outside sources and has insufficient family contributions, is placed on academic probation and is no longer eligible for funding while he or she attempts to improve his or her grades pursuant to a PCC approved plan, has reached the maximum limit of funding but has not completed his or her degree in a reasonable time frame, or is a high school student as dual-enrolled at PCC.

Source: House Bill No. 10-61-4, HD2, SD1, and RPPL 10-49

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Director of Research and Development Station
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Office)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$18,730 - \$33,262 per annum
- (2) Computer Technician
(Computer Service Office)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$13,081 - \$23,230 per annum
- (3) Field Assistant (2)
(PCC CRE Multi-species Hatchery)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$7,800 - \$13,852 per annum
- (4) Extension Agent
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension Program)
depending on qualifications & hrs,
salary ranges from \$11,010 - \$800 biweekly
- (5) Admissions Counselor (2)
(PCC Student Services Division-Registrar)
salary range: \$15,542 - \$27,600 per annum
- (6) Social Science/Humanities-Instructor
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affairs Division) depending on
qualifications and work experience
salary range: \$16,010 - 28,280 per annum
- (7) Director of Library Services
(Administration)
salary range: \$18,730 - 33,262 per annum
- (8) Construction Technology Instructor
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affairs Division) depending on qualifications
& work experience
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (9) Instructor Assistant - Construction Technology
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affairs Division) depending on
qualifications and work experience
salary range: \$12,653.00 - 22,349 per annum
- (10) Instructor Assistant - Small Engine
(PCC Education and Training Department/
Academic Affairs Division) depending on
qualifications and work experience

ALUMNI NOTES

REVA T. ILEMELONG

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION



Ms. Reva T. Ilemelong is an alumni of Palau Community College. She graduated in 2018 with an Associate Degree in Business Administration. Ms. Ilemelong is currently employed with the Ministry of State.



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ALUMNI

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.

Celebrating Birthday from February 28 - March 05, 2020



Grace S. Salvador



Ala-lofty Ongalibang



Oliver Teblak



Dilmeang Ishim

January 31, 2020

BULLETIN

Health Insurance Enrollment

Enrollment is now open from February 3, 2020 to February 29, 2020. Any employees who is not a member and wish to enroll or to add/delete dependents for Calvo's Select Care is requested to stop by Human Resources Office and fill the necessary forms.

Following are the rates.

Calvo's Select Care Health Insurance Premium Rates Effective March 01, 2020

Monthly Rate (Single)	Class Type (Single)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly 24 PP
\$118.00	Employer (60%)	\$70.80	\$849.60	\$35.40
	Employee (40%)	\$47.20	\$566.40	\$23.60
Monthly Rate (Couple)	Class Type (Couple)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly
\$236.00	Employer (60%)	\$141.61	\$1,699.32	\$70.80
	Employee (40%)	\$94.40	\$1,132.80	\$47.20
Monthly Rate (Family)	Class Type (Family)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly
\$378.00	Employer (60%)	\$226.80	\$2,721.60	\$113.40
	Employee (40%)	\$151.20	\$1,814.40	\$75.60

If you have any questions or need clarifications, please call Human Resource Office.

Thank you,

Marie A. Anderson
Director, Human Resources Division

PCC Endowment Fund

INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR STUDENTS, OUR COLLEGE, AND OUR NATION

**To SUPPORT,
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



<http://www.palau.edu>



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SPRING 2020 ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM & HOSPITALITY STUDENTS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OR CALL 488-2470/1 ext. 251/252/253

or email tchuziet@palau.edu

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