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Palau Community College

MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Mourned the Passing of Vice President Thomas Taro



Vice President Thomas Taro

Thursday, April 9, 2020 - Palau Community College employees were deeply saddened upon learning of the passing of our very own Vice President of Cooperative Research and Extension, Mr. Thomas Taro. Thomas passed away peacefully at his home in Ngermetengel, Ngeremlengui, and was surrounded by his wife Youlsau Ngiraike-lau Taro, his children, as well as his sisters, brothers, and family members.

Thomas had been working at PCC for over thirty years (30) having first started as an instructor, then in 1997 he became Director of the Research/Demonstration Station, and in 2000 became Interim Vice President of CRE, assuming full vice presidency in 2005.

As Vice President of PCC-CRE, Thomas oversaw the College's Land Grant program which included research activities that ultimately support local farming and fish farm ventures. He was well known fisherman who liked to fish when he found time, but he is perhaps best known in the Palau Community as the expert on root crops, particularly the many varieties of taro.

The College's thoughts and prayers are with Thomas's family at this time.

PCC General Electronics Technology To Get New Classrooms



General Electronics Technology under renovation

Palau Community College Tekrar building which houses General Electronics Technology (GET) program is currently in the process of remodeling to accommodate more instructional classrooms, laboratory, and storage room.

The finished layout will consist of two floors located within the main Tekrar building.

Dedicated instructional classrooms and laboratory for students will have enough space that will accommodate needed electronic tools and devices.

Also, students will have enough mobility to work around as groups or individual during required laboratory hours.

The much needed renovation has been on hold due to logistical arrangement. This week, the work continues and will be completed by the end of this month.

PCC BOT Policy 20-01

On March 27, 2020 Palau Community College Board of Trustees authorized the college administration to develop and implement appropriate responses to the new coronavirus, COVID 19 to ensure the safety, health and well being of students, faculty, staff and guests, and to minimize disruption to college operations and especially student learning outcomes.

Since December 2019, COVID 19 that was detected in Wuhan, China has rapidly spread globally and has reached 170 countries with over 700,000 confirmed cases and 33,000 deaths.

In accordance with the national government's orders and directives, and the college's commitment to the safety and health of everyone on campus, to date the College has instituted numerous responses.

PCC Board of Trustees recommended policy statement as follows:

It is the policy of Palau Community College to take necessary actions/responses to 1. Protect the safety, health and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and guests, 2. Ensure minimal disruption to operations and student learning outcomes, 3. Comply with Board Policy 18-01, Emergency Management Policy when appropriate.

Such responses may include shift of instructional delivery mode (online, hybrid, or correspondence), Adjustments to academic calendar, Implementation of new services delivery mode, and Adjustments to student activities and other related school activities.

PCC Bookstore

Public Announcement

**To All Market Vendors
DUE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID
19) PANDEMIC. FRIDAY, APRIL 10,
2020 WILL BE THE LAST DAY FOR
BOOKSTORE TO ACCEPT ALL MAR-
KETS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING

PCC Library Closed to the Public



In response to COVID-19 social distancing directives, the PCC Tan Siu Lin Library is closed to the public until further notice. To further ensure the safety, health and well-being of our patrons during this uncertainty, all the checked out library resources will not be due until the Library resumes its regular operations. Overdue fines do not accrue during the COVID-19 crisis. Please be on the lookout for the announcement regarding the resumption of regular operations and due date for your checked out materials. Thank you for your understanding & cooperation.

DENGUE FEVER CASES FALL BELOW OUT-BREAK THRESHOLD

The Ministry of Health (MOH) is informing the public that as of this week, the number of dengue fever cases have fallen below the outbreak threshold of 10 cases-per-month. This signals the end of a 15-month outbreak, which saw a total of 828 cases reported between December 2018 and March 2020 in Palau. Koror - 73% cases reported and Other twelve States had 27% reported cases not including Angaur, Sonsorol, and Hatohebei.

This drop in dengue cases provides some relief however the public is nevertheless encouraged to continue practicing the 3S of Dengue Prevention to prevent the spread or infection of the dengue virus, including:

- Search and eliminate mosquito breeding sites in and around the house and yards.
- Self-protect against mosquito bites by using insect repellent and wearing long-sleeved clothing.
- Seek early consultation if dengue fever symptoms are experienced. For more information contact MOH Communicable Disease Unit at 488-2450

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:

Action Asia Magazine



Action Asia magazine is a 'must read' for outdoors types who want to do more with their time off than simply hang out on a crowded beach. Our award-winning images put you in the thick of the action and then, after thrilling to the stories of high adventure, you can pick up practical tips on how you can go and experience those places for yourself. Backing this up are interviews with pioneers from the outdoors field, reviews of the latest and greatest outdoor gear and a Classified section to help you find a quality trekking, biking, climbing or diving outfit to take you there.

Academic Calendar

May 01, 2020

Last Day of Instruction

May 05, 2020

Holiday: Seniors' Citizen Day

News/Stories Wanted

Mesekiu'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.

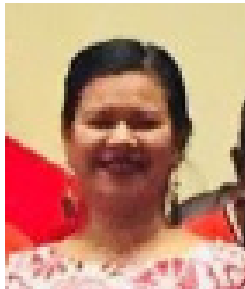
Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcomed.

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

Newest Contributors to the PCC Endowment Fund



Olympia E. Morei



Melinda Lawrence

Palau Community College would like to recognize our newest endowment fund contributors, Ms. Olympia E. Morei and Ms. Melinda Lawrence.

Ms. Morei works at the Belau National Museum, Inc.

Ms. Lawrence works for the Ministry of State.

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

Palau Public Utilities Corporation

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective Monday, April 13, 2020 PPUC will implement Nation-Wide Water Rationing/Water Hour as Follows

Water Off: 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Water On: 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Due to continuing drop of water levels and minimal rainfall, PPUC urge the public to take a prudent effort to practice water conservation.

Unnecessary use of water for car washing, water blasting, and other nonessential use are prohibited.

Available @ PCC

The Ministry of Health had published

MOH

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

FREE INFORMATION FOR INTERESTED INDIVIDUAL

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

KAYA SOLOMON

LIBERAL ARTS



Ms. Kaya Solomon is an alumni of Palau Community College. She graduated in 2014 with an Associate of Arts Degree (AA) in Liberal Arts. Ms. Solomon is currently enrolled in Pittsburg State University.



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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 April 11 - April 19, 2020



Gaylord Rdechior



Flora Wasisang



Tessmarie U. Kodep

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)

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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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AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CON- STRUCTION TECHNOLOGY AND TOURISM & HOSPITALITY STUDENTS

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAIL-
ABLE AT PCC DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OR CALL 488-2470/1 ext. 251/252/253
or email tchuziet@palau.edu**

***For more updates on COVID-19, PPUC and
Spring 2020 remaining instructional days
follow us on PCC Facebook Page!***

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