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# Palau Community College

## MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## PCC BOT ORGANIZATION MEETING



Front row: Trustee Alvina Timarong, Chairman Billy G. Kuartei, Vice Chair Romana Wong; Back row: Student Trustee O'Keef Kokichi, BOR Chairman Dr. Emais Roberts, and Secretary/Treasurer Kione Isechal

Palau Community College Board of Trustees held its annual organizational meeting on Monday, January 09, 2023. The Republic of Palau Public Law 4-2, cited as the Higher Education Act of 1993, mandates that members of the PCC Board of Trustees meet each year in order to elect its officers and establish its calendar of regular meetings. During their annual meeting on Monday, the trustees voted unanimously to re-elect Reverend Billy G. Kuartei as the Chairman of the College Board of Trustees, Ms. Romana Wong also re-elected as Vice Chairperson and Kione Isechal as secretary and treasurer. Thus, the new officers and members of the PCC Board of Trustees are as follows: Reverend Billy G. Kuartei, Chairman; Romana Wong, Vice Chairperson; Kione Isechal, Secretary/Treasurer; Alvina Timarong, Dr. Emais Roberts, and Student Trustee O'Keef Kokichi, members. Dr. Emais Roberts represents the Board on the three-member College of Micronesia Land Grant Board of Regents. In addition, the PCC Board of Trustees organized its standing committee. Academic Programs Committee-Chairman, Trustee Timarong; Finance/Personnel Committee-Chairman, Vice Chair Wong; Facilities-Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer Isechal; and Student Affairs Committee-

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## JAPAN AMBASSADOR ORIKASA VISITS PCC CAMPUS



front row: Japan Ambassador Hiroyuki Orikasa and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei; back row: Dean of CE Hedrick Kual, Researcher Mayu Tatsuki, CRE Researcher Dr. Yin Yin Nwe, CRE Vice President Dr. Christopher Kitalong, and CRE Research Assistant Jacque Idechong

On January 10, 2023 Ambassador Hiroyuki Orikasa visited Palau Community College (PCC) and paid a courtesy call on Dr. Patrick Tellei, President of PCC. President Tellei gave a brief presentation of the college programs and services including senior volunteers from Japan International Cooperative Agency/JOVC since 1999 until today. After President Tellei explained the background of the college's establishment and its future plans, CRE Vice President Dr. Kitalong, CRE Researcher Dr. Nwe, Research Assistant Idechong and Ambassador Orikasa tour the campus and made a stopover at the college STEP-UP laboratory.



*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-CRE Fruit Fly Pilot Project in Kayangel State



*Household fruit tree survey and fruit fly trap deployment*

On December 14-16, 2022 PCC-CRE conducted pilot project in Kayangel State on fruit fly. CRE staff and PCC students stayed at the island, their main activities were surveying fruit trees and testing out a fruit fly trap design in partnership with Kayangel State residents. “CRE is collecting GPS data to develop a fruit tree map of the island, deploying a simple fruit fly trap design that is being produced at PCC’s 3D maker space, and attending community meetings and visiting households to discuss fruit fly trapping and green waste management” said CRE’s Vice President, Dr. Christopher Kitalong. CRE extension agents also provided advice on identifying and managing breeding areas around and nearby households, collecting and processing green waste to prevent further breeding, and placing fruit fly traps to maximize catch.

The Kayangel State Governor and State Agents, as well as private citizens and community elders provide invaluable logistical support and guidance throughout the project. The island’s educators and school students participate in fruit fly trapping activities. Traps have been set in all 29 households and 4 public areas, such as the school and the State Office. During the GPS mapping activities, some observed fruiting trees included species of breadfruit, papaya, banana, mango, mountain apple, lime, soursop, pumpkin, and other locally-grown fruits. “There is strong awareness in the community of the fruit fly problem and green waste issues that are shared among the residents”, says PCC student, Takau Tuelbang. Their enthusiasm, participation, and support for this project are significant. CRE hopes to further build this collaboration to scale up successful outcomes to the national level.

## NEW PCC ENDOWMENT FUND BI-WEEKLY CONTRIBUTORS

On Wednesday, January 11, 2022 Palau National Communications Corporation employee enrolled in the college endowment fund bi-weekly contributors program. PCC extends its gratitude to the following PNCC employee for supporting the college endowment fund: Prima R. Oiph, Juliet Pedro, Prince Idelkei, Valena Joseph, Bouveau K. Anastacio, Haidy Masahiro, Jessica L. Mobel, Bydurngul Lakobong, and Caysha T. Meltel. Thank you PNCC for your contribution to PCC!

## CALVO’S SELECT CARE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES

Monthly Rate (Single)	Class Type (Single)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly 24 PP
\$121.00	Employer (60%)	\$72.60	\$871.20	\$36.30
	Employee (40%)	\$48.40	\$580.80	\$24.20
Monthly Rate (Couple)	Class Type (Couple)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly
\$242.00	Employer (60%)	\$145.20	\$1,742.40	\$72.60
	Employee (40%)	\$96.80	\$1,161.60	\$48.40
Monthly Rate (Family)	Class Type (Family)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly
\$387.00	Employer (60%)	\$232.20	\$2,786.40	\$116.10
	Employee (40%)	\$154.80	\$1,857.60	\$77.40

# Thank You

Last Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, everyone on campus were cleaning and getting the offices ready for the beginning of Spring semester which is January 9<sup>th</sup>. The library staffs were also cleaning both the inside and outside the building as best as they can. The Maintenance crew worked very hard during last weekend to put a final touch to the campus. Therefore, the library family would like to thank the Maintenance family that did a super job of water blasting in front of the library building last weekend January 7-8, 2023. Thank you, guys, so much for your hard work and for making our campus very clean for this 2023 Spring semester. Happy New Year to all of you!!!



# BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

## Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 8:00AM - 5:00PM

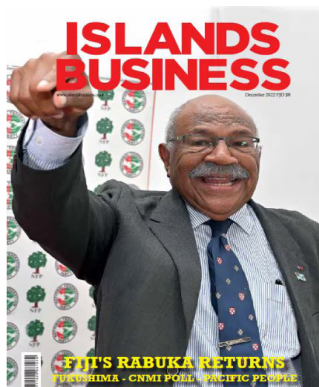
Saturday, Sunday & National Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

## AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED

### READERS:

ISLAND BUSINESS MAGAZINE



Islands Business is the flagship publication of Front Page PTE Limited, a totally Fiji-owned company. Established more than 30 years ago and originally known as Islands Business International, IB is the premier publishing group in the Pacific Islands region.

## Academic Calendar

January 9-13 (M-F)

Drop/Add Period

January 13 (F)

Last Day to change AUDIT Grading option

## 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](mailto:tchuziet@palau.edu) or [tchuziet@gmail.com](mailto:tchuziet@gmail.com).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

## Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), the Commission Third-Party Comment

A third-party comment assists the Commission as it considers applications for candidacy, accreditation, or reaffirmation of accreditation. When an institution is undergoing a review, the Commission requires the institution's chief executive officer to notify the campus community and public of the opportunity for submission of third-party comments and the process for doing so. Any member of the college community or public may submit a third-party comment by completing the Commission's online third-party comment form, available via the institution's website or ACCJC's website. In order to ensure evaluation of applicable third-party comments by the peer review team, third-party comments should be received by the Commission staff no later than five weeks before the peer review team visit.

Palau Community College's Focus Site Visit is scheduled during the week of March 13, 2023. Should any member of the College community or the public who may wish to submit a third-party comment must complete the Commission's online third-party comment form available at <https://accjc.org/forms/third-party-comments/>.

The third-party comment should be received by the Commission five weeks prior to March 13, 2023.

Commission's Address: Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges  
331 J Street, Suite 200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
P: (415) 506-0234 | E: [accjc@accjc.org](mailto:accjc@accjc.org)

**PCC PRESIDENT, DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI**  
**WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH**  
**ALL PCC STUDENTS**  
**TIME: 12:00 PM**  
**PLACE: PCC ASSEMBLY HALL**

**Group 1**  
Mon, Jan 16th  
Students with last names from A-G

**Group 2**  
Tue, Jan 17th  
Students with last names from H-M

**Group 3**  
Wed, Jan 18th  
Students with last names from N-R

**Group 4**  
Thu, Jan 19th  
Students with last names from S-Z

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

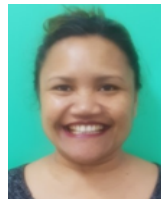
## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Instructor, Liberal Arts program  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges from \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (2) Instructor, Construction Technology  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (3) Instructor, Small Engine & Outboard Marine Tech.  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary range: \$12,653.00 - \$22,349 per annum
- (4) Extension Agent (EFNEP Program)  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 per annum
- (5) Instructor Assistant - General Mechanics  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$12,653 - \$22,349 per annum
- (6) Instructor-Air Condition & Refrigeration  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (7) Extension Agent  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 per annum
- (8) Nursing Instructor  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280
- (9) Director of Development  
Office of the President  
Salary ranges: \$18,730 to \$33,262

## Celebrating Birthdays January 13-22, 2023



Roberto Rilang



Harline Haruo

## PCC Endowment

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To SUPPORT,  
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e-mail: [tellei@palau.edu](mailto:tellei@palau.edu)

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

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (10) Instructor, Automotive Technology  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (11) Math Instructor  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (12) Instructor, Tourism & Hospitality  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (13) Instructor, Community & Public Health  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00
- (14) IT/Tracking Coordinator  
Upward Bound Program  
Salary ranges: \$18,500 to \$20,000
- (15) Math Coordinator  
Upward Bound Math & Science  
salary ranges: \$19,000 to \$23,000
- (16) Executive Assistant to the President  
Office of the President  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,431 per annum
- (17) Assistant Director  
Talent Search Office  
Salary ranges: \$16,010-\$28,431

## ALUMNI NOTES

### D'JUD MELMALT TAMTRENG SMALL ENGINE & OUTBOARD MARINE TECHNOLOGY



Mr. D'Jud Melmalt Tamtremg is a graduate of PCC in Spring 2022 with an Associate of Applied Science in Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology. He is currently attending the 29th Police Academy with the Ministry of Justice.



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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.

## EARN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THROUGH PCC ADULT HIGH SCHOOL

### TO APPLY YOU MUST:

- BE A PALAUAN CITIZEN.
- BE 18 YRS. OLD OR OLDER.
- HAVE NOT EARNED A HIGH SCHOOL, GED OR HiSET DIPLOMA.

### REGISTRATION

Registration is ongoing and will close on January 16, 2023.

### ORIENTATION

Student Orientation will be held on Monday January 16, 2023, at the CE Training Room, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

### CLASSES FOR 2023 SPRING SEMESTER

Classes will begin on Tuesday January 17, 2023. Adult High School classes meet from Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM during the day and 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the evening.

You have the choice to either take classes during the day or attend night classes in the evening.

Application forms are available at the AHS office located on the PCC campus. You may call 488-2471 ext. 267 for more information.



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**BOT Meeting** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1  
Chairperson Student Trustee Kokiichi. All committee include key college officials as Ad-Hoc Members.

The annual organizational meeting of the PCC Board of Trustees is held on the second Monday of January of each year.

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