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# Palau Community College



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## NOONTIME SEMINAR WITH DOCTOR KÜHLEM



*Dr. Annette Kühlem during her presentation*

On February 15, 2024, Dr. Annette Kühlem, an archaeologist of the German Archaeological Institute, had the opportunity to hold a noontime seminar. During the seminar, she spoke about her projects in Palau, her plans for future projects and the reason for these projects. The projects are a result of German-Palau Cooperation in Archaeology. Her presentation's focus was on the Monumental Earthworks of Babeldaob and the Challenges of Climate Change. As said in a brochure provided by Dr. Kühlem and her team, "The monumental earthworks of Palau are one of the most awe-inspiring expressions of human ingenuity in all of Oceania. These terraced and shaped hills still dominate the landscape of the island of Babeldaob today. The earthworks of Palau are a testament to social complexity, successful adaptation, and in-depth knowledge of the landscape. The genesis, function of these impressive archaeological sites have fascinated researchers of over 100 years." With that said, she has researched and found details of human remains in the grounds of Ngkeklau and Aimeliik that are at least 1700 years old. Because of their technological advances, they are able to take pictures and send them to Germany for research, so as not to disturb the burial sites. After they took pictures of what they need,-

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## PCC PRESIDENT MEETS WITH MHRCTD MINISTER AND GUESTS



*Ms. Doris Schäffler, Mr. Thomas Schubert, Ms. Katharina Sahn, Minister Ngirabelas Tmetuchl, Dr. Annette Kühlem, Dr. Constanze Dupont, Prof. Dr. Thekla Schulz-Brize, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.*

On February 13, 2024, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei met with Ms. Doris Schäffler, Mr. Thomas Schubert, Honorary Consul Federal Republic of Germany, Ms. Katharina Sahn, Technical University Berlin, Mr. Ngirabelas Tmetuchl, Minister of Human Resource, Culture, Tourism and Development, Dr. Annette Kühlem, German Archaeological Institute, Dr. Constanze Dupont, and Prof. Dr. Thekla Schulz-Brize, Technical University of Berlin. Their meeting was regarding Collaborations and Workshops on Cultural Heritage Management. Palau faces significant challenges due to climate change, threatening its unique cultural heritage and historical sites. Apart from its effects on cultural heritage climate change also has a profound impact on Palau's sustainability, particularly concerning its dive tourism industry, upon which the nation heavily relies. The deterioration of coral reefs and marine ecosystems due to rising sea temperatures and ocean acidification poses a significant threat to the biodiversity that attracts tourists to Palau's waters. Therefore, a multifaceted approach is necessary, not only to preserve cultural heritage but also to diversify Palau's tourism offerings towards cultural tourism, which can contribute-

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-they reburied the burial sites as a show of respect. Along with the remains were shards of glasses that were sent to Germany for testing. Surprisingly, the glasses were originated from Egypt. Based on Dr. Kühlem and her team's analysis, they are around 1800 years old.

Dr. Kühlem and her team, although focused on their research, are also interested in making sure the community is aware of their research. They have reached out and visited high schools to share their findings as well as brought the students out to their sites to experience the research first-hand.

The archaeological team's purpose is to provide trainings and workshops in Cultural Heritage Management, which branches out to include digitization of museum objects, digitization of buildings and large objects, and construction documentation. This is where their study of the Palau Men's Meeting House (Bai) comes in. Lidar scans and 3D photogrammetry in combination with manual building documentation have helped in capturing the Bai, the human remains, the terraces and their details that will be sent to Germany for further study; they will also be kept in our Belau National Museum for anyone interested to see the exhibit.

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-to the sustainability and resilience of its economy amidst the challenges posed by climate change. The proposed partnership between the TU Berlin, the German Archaeological Institute, the Ministry of Human Resources, Culture, Tourism and Development, the Ministry of Education, the Palau Community College (PCC), PVA, and the Belau National Museum aims to address the challenges of cultural preservation in Palau. By providing workshops and trainings in archaeology, architecture, building research, remote sensing, and education, we seek to safeguard Palau's rich cultural heritage for future generations while promoting meaningful engagement with its past.

The project also seeks to promote the development of cultural tourism as a sustainable alternative to dive tourism, thereby contributing to the resilience of Palau's economy amidst environmental challenges. The main objective of the program is capacity building in the field of heritage management and that the participants of the workshops continue to develop and extend the programs using the provided tools. All results and raw data will be made available to Palauan partner institutions.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> ENGINEER SUPPORT BATTALION VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH THE PCC'S FRONT LANDSCAPE



*Sergeant Edwards, Brodie and his team*

PCC shows its deepest gratitude to Sergeant Edwards' team, which includes Corporal David Caceres, Corporal David Velazquez, Lance Corporal Micah Townzen, Corporal David Merino, and Corporal Keywan Wellington, for volunteering to help students and staff. Recently, they assisted in removing old blocks in front of the PCC main office, to make it convenient for future projects. Thank you all for your time and assistance.

## EAST-WEST CENTER'S DIRECTOR AND SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER VISIT PCC PRESIDENT



*Mr. Jake Hamstra, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Mr. James Potenza*

Mr. Hamstra, Director, Project Governance, and Mr. Potenza, Senior Project Manager, Communications and External Relations visited PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to discuss education programs. East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia and the Pacific through cooperative study, research and dialogue. With that said they have been in consistent communication with PCC to improve the quality of education programs. Thank you for visiting.

# BITS AND PIECES...

## Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

### Hours of Operation

Mon to Thu	7:30AM - 7:00 PM
Friday	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Sat	9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sun. & National Holidays	CLOSED

For more information, call:  
488-3540.

### AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:

#### WOMEN'S HEALTH



*Women's Health magazine is your go-to destination for motivational workouts, healthy and delicious recipes, weight-loss tips, fashion and beauty trends, sex and relationship advice and so much more. The magazine has been designed with every woman in mind and aims to empower, motivate and inspire all women, no matter what stage they are at in life.*

### Academic Calendar

**March 4-8 (M-F)**  
Exam Week

**March 15 (F)**  
Holiday-Youth 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 [hherman@palau.edu](mailto:hherman@palau.edu).

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome.

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

SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESEARCH OF MICRONESIA  
Joint study between Waseda University and Palau Community College

## PARTICIPATE IN AN ECONOMIC EXPERIMENT AND MAKE SOME \$\$\$\$

**Qualifications:**  
PCC students who can operate an APP on a touch-screen tablet

**Date and Time:**

- ☑ March 11, 2024 | 8:30am - 11:00am
- ☑ March 11, 2024 | 1:00pm - 3:30pm
- ☑ March 12, 2024 | 8:30am - 11:00am
- ☑ March 12, 2024 | 1:00pm - 3:30pm
- ☑ March 13, 2024 | 8:30am - 11:00am

**Additional Notes:**

- 20 students per session (a student can only participate in one session)
- Those students who receive a confirmation email from the registration will be selected to participate in the experiment.
- \$17.00 USD per participant (the honorarium is paid after each session.)

**INTERESTED? JOIN ONE OF THE PRE-REGISTRATION SESSIONS:**

- February 19, 2024 | 12:00pm | Assembly Hall
- February 19, 2024 | 5:00pm | Assembly Hall
- February 20, 2024 | 12:00pm | Assembly Hall

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ms. Bernie Ngiralmaw, Coordinator | [bngiralmaw@palau.pcc.edu](mailto:bngiralmaw@palau.pcc.edu)  
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Last day to register is March 1, 2024. If you missed the pre-registration sessions, see above for contact information. Sign up and earn some cash.

PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS

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email addresses for students

## Did you know?

With a palau.edu email address, you will have access to many free or significantly discounted software packages and online services including Amazon Prime, Microsoft Office 365 Education, Adobe Creative Cloud which includes Adobe Photoshop, Spotify, Norton anti-virus, Autodesk which includes AutoCAD, and Apple Music. You will also have access to discounted equipment and products from Apple, Dell, Samsung, Best Buy and many others.

To activate your palau.edu email address:

1. Open a web browser (Chrome, Internet, Safari, Firefox, etc.) and navigate to the site [mail.palau.edu](http://mail.palau.edu) or [gmail.com](http://gmail.com).
2. Once the page loads, enter your username and password. Your username is your first name plus your lastname (all lowercase and no spaces). Your password is your PCC student ID number. If your ID number contains 7 or less numbers, add 0s at the end so that you have at least 8 numbers.

For assistance, stop by the PCC Online Lab or Computer Services Office

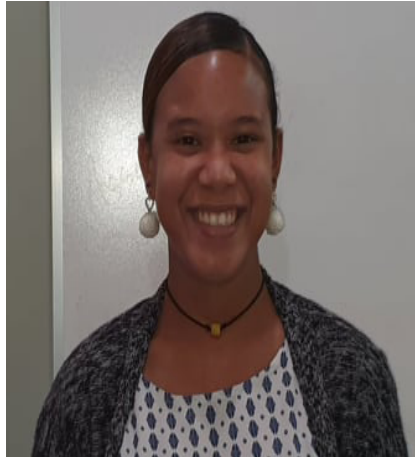
## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (1) Instructor, Construction Technology  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary range: \$16,010 - 28,280 per annum
- (2) Instructor, Small Engine & Outboard Marine Tech.  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary range: \$12,653.00 - 22,349 per annum
- (3) Extension Agent (EFNEP Program)  
(PCC Cooperative Research & Extension)  
salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 per annum
- (4) Instructor Assistant - General Mechanics  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$12,653 - \$22,349 per annum
- (5) English Instructor  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (6) Math Instructor  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (7) Instructor, Community & Public Health  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 to \$28,280.00 per annum
- (8) Instructor, Information Technology Program  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (9) Math Coordinator  
Academic Affairs Division  
salary ranges: \$19,000-\$23,000 per annum
- (10) Financial Aid Counselor  
Student Services Division  
salary ranges: \$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](mailto:hr@palau.edu), or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

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## Celebrating Birthdays February 26 - March 3, 2024



*Chiana Chiba*



## PCC Endowment

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

Interested in Learning Transferrable Media and Marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Development Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign-up.

## ALUMNI NOTES

### JECYLENE DIRUCHOB ADELBAI LIBERAL ARTS



Ms. Jecylene Adelbai graduated with her AA in Liberal Arts in Spring 2022. She has left the island to further pursue her education. Congratulations on all your achievements!

### 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 or 252).

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

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