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PCC-CRE STAFF VISIT TO YAP, FSM

NOONTIME SEMINAR: MR. IRIE YOSUKE, SHAKUHACHI PLAYER



CRE @ College of Micronesia-FSM Yap Campus-Left to right: Director Lyndon Masami, Field Assistant McKnight McArthur, Senior Extension Agent Elchung Hideyos, and Vice President Dr. Christopher Kitalong

Cooperation Research Extension (CRE) was just in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) from February 12-16, 2024, for the annual accomplishment report and plan of work meeting. Vice President Dr. Christopher Kitalong was in attendance with Director Lyndon Masami, Senior Extension Agent Elchung Hideyos, and Field Assistant McKnight McArthur. The first three days were focused on reviewing and commenting on extension progress reports for FY 2023 and updating the plan of work for CRE. Elchung and McKnight had another job on this trip and that was to demonstrate and train other CRE staff from FSM and Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) on how to use the all-in-one soil probe device. The soil probe measures various data on weather, soil, hydro's, salinity, etc. This will help improve agriculture management practices and contribute to long-term productivity and sustainability of taro cultivation systems, especially in the face of climate change. McKnight did a demonstration training for the other islands on how to build the probe. Elchung gave a presentation explaining the different parts of the soil probe, and she also was able to train the other extension agents on how to use the app to collect data and access the cloud.

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Mr. Irie Yosuke with PCC staff, faculty, students and guest

On February 23, 2024, a renowned Japanese shakuhachi player had the honor of performing at the Palau Community College (PCC) Assembly Hall. Present to see him perform were PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil, staff, students, and guests. The shakuhachi is a Japanese traditional flute made of bamboo. Mr. Yosuke has been playing since he was ten (10) years old. He inherited his shakuhachi flute from his grandfather and it is about seventy (70) years old. He has performed in many countries, promoting Japanese culture, as well as peace among the nations he visits through his music. Mr. Yosuke's style in playing the flute combines both traditional and modern playing techniques, creating a unique sound, and communicating a specific message. During his visit, he performed famous traditional and modern shakuhachi compositions, such as those in animes, as well as his originally composed notes. He played the different sounds of the shakuhachi and even tried to teach some volunteers how to play it. Mr. Yosuke states that it is difficult to produce sounds with the shakuhachi that some people take several months to achieve a stable sound. PCC students, faculty and staff thank Mr. Yosuke for visiting PCC and teach us about shakuhachi. The performance was coordinated by the Japan Embassy in Palau to honor the 30 years of diplomatic relations between Japan and Palau.



Demonstration training to build soil probe



Yap soil probe installation

PCC-CRE already has 10 probes installed all around Palau from Kayangel, Melekeok, Airai, Ngermid, Ngerbeched, Peleliu, Angaur, and even Hatohobei. This trip to Yap added the number 11th probe. Expanding this tool to the other CRE's in FSM and RMI will give us a better understanding and comparison of taro cultivations in the Micronesian region to support our community in the face of climate change.

MR. ROGELIO VERGARA'S FAMILY

VISITS PCC PRESIDENT



Ms. Vanessa Vergara, PCC President Dr. Tellei, and Mrs. Zenaida Vergara

The late Mr. Rogelio Vergara's family visited PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei to show their respect and reminisce about Mr. Vergara. The family includes his wife, Mrs. Zenaida Vergara, and his daughter, Ms. Vanessa Vergara. The late Mr. Vergara dedicated his career and services to Palau Community College, then Micronesian Occupational College in 1982. With his outstanding performance, the College retained his services until his retirement in April 2020. Shortly after his retirement, the late Rogelio Vergara returned home with his family to Pampanga where they remained until his peaceful passing on March 15, 2022. Thank you for visiting, Zenaida and Vanessa!

HISTORY 189 CLASS GUEST SPEAKER: MR. PETER BILIBEI



Mr. Marvin Ngirutang, History 189 teacher, his students, and their guest speaker Mr. Peter Bilibei

On February 20, 2024, Mr. Marvin Ngirutang's class, History 189, had the pleasure of hearing from their esteemed guest speaker, Mr. Peter Bilibei, a historian and traditional dance teacher. Mr. Bilibei is proudly from Tmui, Angaur, and he spent the whole class time sharing with the students histories about Angaur and fun facts about the state. Although he is a historian of Palau, he is especially an expert when it comes to his motherland, Angaur state. A fun fact that was shared that surprised the students was the story of *Ngedeloch*. This place is known as the last place that the dead go to, before leaving to the other side. The name of the actual place that the dead go to is called *Diong ra Chelid*, and *Ngedeloch* is actually the name of the land where this place is. Overall, the students learned alot and that one class time was not enough. Thank you, Mr. Bilibei, for your time and knowledge.

CAMPUS PROJECTS



Director Clement Kazuma, Mr. Elpidio Grande and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei

The Director of Physical Plant, Mr. Clement Kazuma, along with Mr. Elpidio Grande of Mabuchi and PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei continue campus projects to improve the environment of the campus for students, staff and faculty. Thank you for your time and efforts!

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:

WIRED



Wired is a monthly American magazine that covers how emerging technologies affect culture, the economy, and politics. It was founded in 1993. Wired is known for its high-quality journalism and its coverage of cutting-edge technologies. Wired magazine is a must-read for anyone who wants to stay up-to-date on the latest trends in technology.

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.

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.edu
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Hilda Reklai, Dean of Students, PCC | hildan@palau.edu
Vera D. Kanol, Executive assistant to PCC President | verakanol@palau.edu

If you missed the pre-registration sessions, see above for contact information. Sign up and earn some cash.

FREE ASVAB TEST PREP COURSE!

THE ASVAB IS A MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST USED TO DETERMINE QUALIFICATION FOR ENLISTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. TAKING THE ASVAB DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE TO ENLIST. ASVAB COURSE IS AVAILABLE TO 10 - 12TH GRADERS AND NON-HIGHSCHOOLERS!

LOCATION: PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TIMES: MON - FRI; 4PM - 6PM
DATES: MARCH 19, 2024 - MARCH 29, 2024

CONTACT SSG STEPHANIE HOUSEL HOLDERNESS TO SIGN UP - LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE!
SIGNAL: 701-290-0900
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EMAIL: STEPHANIE.L.HOUSELHOLDERN.MIL@ARMY.MIL

Will specifically be located at PCC Tan Siu Lin Library Conference Room.

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, or download forms at <http://pcc.palau.edu>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

Celebrating Birthdays March 4 - March 10, 2024



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PCC Endowment

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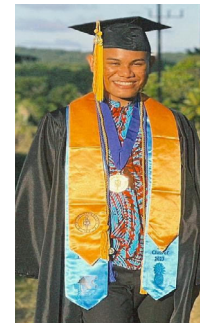
If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, contact us NOW!

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

ALUMNI NOTES

KAEB CHIN

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY



Mr. Kaeb Chin graduated with his AS in Tourism & Hospitality in Spring 2023. He has left the island to further pursue his career. 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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