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PCC-CRE JOINS PICRC'S ANNUAL EDUCATION CARNIVAL



PCC-CRE students and staff



Booth members coordinating agriculture activities

On January 28, 29, and 30, 2025, Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) staff along with their Palau Community College (PCC) student workers and Palau High School (PHS) Practicum students participated in the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) Education Carnival. The CRE booth showcased the link between sustainable farming practices and marine conservation by explaining how sustainable agriculture supports marine protection. “Don’t you Agri?” The booth also included two educational games to connect students with the importance of growing their own local food crops. They were able to engage with almost 800 students from all over Palau from 13 different schools. Many thanks to PICRC team for letting PCC-CRE join the carnival!

PCC IT STAFF ATTEND CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP



President Whipps with workshop participants

On January 27 and 28, 2025, PCC Computer Services Division staff Director Johvanna Yaoch and Computer Technicians Mr. Shaik Higa and Mr. Alik Ulechong attended the cybersecurity workshop held at Palau National Airport in Airai. It was focused on strengthening the nation’s cybersecurity capabilities, focusing on the critical role of the Computer Security Incident Response Team (CIRT) in safeguarding infrastructure and enhancing cyber resilience. His Excellency President Surangel S. Whipps Jr., began his opening remarks with a story of a man who approached him years ago, asking for help getting \$40,000 so he could get his \$1 million lottery prize, making a point about fraud. He went on to reiterate the importance of cyber awareness as Palau faces cybersecurity challenges. In the past year there were three ransomware attacks, highlighting the necessity of a “whole-of-government” strategy in building robust cyber defenses. The President stated that the workshop’s outcomes would significantly impact the nation’s future, noting the world’s growing reliance on technology and the need for Palau to adapt and capitalize on new opportunities in this era.

UH HILO PRESENTATION



Mr. Andrew Polloi, Ms. Yuki Izumi, Instructor Ms. Vernice Yuzi, Dean Hilda Reklai, PCC students and staff and Director Tchuzie Radao

On January 30, 2025, Ms. Yuki Izumi, the International Admissions Counselor, did a presentation about University of Hawaii at Hilo at PCC Assembly Hall. During her presentation, she went in to details about academic programs, campus life, on-campus housing, tuition and application process. The crowd was filled with students and guests that are interested in applying to the university. It also included PCC staff who are UH Hilo alumni, such as instructor Marvin Ngirutang, Director Tchuzie Tadao, Instructor Samantha Bells, and Dean Hilda Reklai. Along with educational information about the college, Ms. Izumi introduced student activities such as sports, international holidays, and events. PCC students who graduate and want to attend UH Hilo are also able to transfer their credits, which means they will start as juniors. Fortunately, because Palau is one of the COFA countries, Palauans who wish to attend pay in-state tuition. Until further notice, the application fee is waived. For more information, contact Ms. Izumi at yukikoha@hawaii.edu or visit hilo.hawaii.edu/admission/.

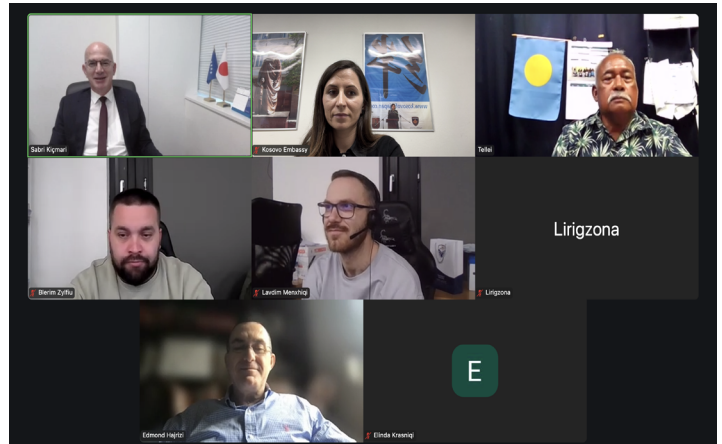
SPG ANNOUNCEMENT

Be a Volunteer!
Make the Games Successful!

Scan Code
To Register

The South Pacific Games 2025 Committee is recruiting interested volunteers to help ensure the success of the games this Summer! Scan the code to register now!

ONLINE MEETING: PRESIDENT DR. TELLEI AND DR. EDMON HAJRIZI



Dr. Edmon Hajrizi, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and staff of UBT

On January 30, 2025, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and President of University for Business and Technology (UBT) in Kosovo, Dr. Edmon Hajrizi had an online meeting about Cooperation between Palau Community College and University for Business and Technology. During Palau's inauguration on January 16, 2025, Ambassador Kiçmari met President Dr. Tellei in Palau. His Excellency Mr. Sabri Kiçmari, is the Ambassador of the Republic of Kosovo to Japan. Following up their discussion, an online meeting between President Dr. Tellei and Dr. Edmon Hajrizi was arranged. University for Business and Technology (UBT) is a leading higher education institution in Kosova, established in full compliance with the requirements and criteria of the Bologna Charter, including study programs in the two levels of study: Bachelor and Master. Today, UBT is recognized as one of the most internationalized higher education institutions in Kosovo, maintaining numerous partnerships and exchange programmes with universities all over the world. UBT is committed to more firmly developing internationalization, thus setting objectives in the areas of degree programs, research, teaching and partnerships. Through partnerships, UBT aims at delivering exceptional education, and making significant contributions to society – locally, nationally and internationally. This includes supporting students in planning and carrying out mobilities abroad, and supporting international research collaborations on the basis of academic interest and need. By means of their international strategy, many partnerships have been developed to serve the above-mentioned principles. Potential partnership with the university is in its early stages, and PCC extends its gratitude to President Dr. Edmond Hajrizi and UBT for the opportunity to work together.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

Hours of Operation

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

Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Sunday & National
Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:
COMMUNITY COLLEGE JOURNAL



Community College Journal has led the nation for 40 years in the publication of scholarly, peer-reviewed research and commentary on community colleges.

Academic Calendar

February 10
No Classes

February 13
Hirosaki University Visit

March 5
Tokai University Visit

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 hberman@palau.edu. Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome. Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251 or 252) for more information.

ROCK ISLAND PROJECT



On January 29, 2025, President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei with the help of PCC Physical Plant staff, went to visit the rock island Metukerikull. PCC is building facilities to support research activities for our Environmental Science and other educational uses. Metukerikull is known for its historical myth about the rock island people who used to live there centuries ago. In 2018, PCC requested to expand and enhance its Environmental & Marine Science degree program as well as build on other college programs such as Tourism & Hospitality and Palauan Studies through the use of designated Koror-PCC rock island, Metukerikull. PCC has since then worked on further improving the rock island to meet this purpose.

JICA's NOONTIME SEMINAR: OTEC



On January 29, 2025, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held a noontime seminar about Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC). OTEC is a system that combines a stable renewable energy supply and the benefit of utilizing the deep seawater for a variety of purposes. An OTEC system is being tested on Kumejima Island in Okinawa prefecture and is attracting attention as the "Kumejima Model" that drives new industries and can be further deployed to support the self-sustaining development model. With this model of OTEC, they are looking to try this in Palau, since Palau is surrounded by water. The presentation also covered energy, water, aquaculture, and agriculture implications. PCC thanks Mr. Benjamin Martin, JICA Survey Team, Xenexys Inc. for a very insightful presentation that can further develop our island nation.

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, Community & Public Health
Academic Affairs Division
Salary ranges: \$16,010 - \$28,280.00 per annum
- (5) Nursing Instructor
Academic Affairs Division
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum
- (6) Administrative Assistant
Upward Bound Program
Salary range: \$12,001 - \$21,312 per annum
- (7) Accounting Technician (Payroll)
Administration Department (Business Office)
Salary ranges: \$13,081-\$23,230 per annum
- (8) Accounting Technician (Receivable)
Administration Department (Business Department)
Salary range: \$13,081-\$23,230 per annum
- (9) Financial Aid Counselor
Student Services - Office of Financial Aid
Salary range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per annum

ALUMNI NOTES

SETH PAULUS

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Mr. Seth Paulus graduated with his AS in Information Technology in Spring 2024. Congratulations on all your achievements and good luck on your future endeavors.



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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 or 252).

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

Celebrating Birthdays February 10 - February 16, 2025



Demy Emesiochel



Jay Olegeriil



Henry Falan



Sarah Ngiraked

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- (10) Two (2) Financial Aid Technicians
Student Services - Office of Financial Aid
Salary range: \$11,010 - \$19,552 (depending on qualifications and work experience) 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>.

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