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PACIFIC MINI GAMES CLOSING CEREMONY

COOK ISLAND SPECIAL PRESENTATION



Pacific Mini Games Chairman Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Team Marshall Island, Team Papua New Guinea and Team Palau

On July 9, 2025, the 12th Pacific Mini Games came to an end with a moving and memorable closing ceremony. His Excellency President Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., together with Senate Floor Leader Kerai Mariur, House Speaker Gibson Kanai, Oceania National Olympic Committee (ONOC) President Baklai Temengil-Chilton, Palau National Olympic Committee (PNOC) President Frank Kyota, and 2025 Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee Chair Dr. Patrick Tellei, officially bid farewell to over 2,200 athletes and 1,000 coaches, officials, media personnel, volunteers, and supporters who represented 23 proud Pacific nations.

The event celebrated more than just athletic excellence—it honored the spirit of unity and friendship that defines the Pacific region. Over the course of the Games, participants demonstrated not only remarkable talent but also sportsmanship, resilience, and mutual respect. These qualities highlighted that true greatness isn't defined solely by medals, but by the connections built across borders and the shared pride of the Pacific peoples.

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PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil, Ngaraard Governor Sharp Sakuma, First Lady Lisa Rdiall, PCC Village Mayor Tchuzie Tadao, Attaché Ms. Kedengel Douglas, Liaison Officer Kate Oiph and Cook Island Athletes in PCC Assembly Hall

On July 6, 2025, Team Cook Islands held a heartfelt thank-you ceremony in honor of the many individuals who extended their support and hospitality during the team's stay in Palau. Special guests included Governor of Ngaraard Sharp Sakuma, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, with the PCC Vice President Jay Olegeriil stepping in on his behalf, the village mayor, Tchuzie Tadao, their dedicated village liaison Kate Oiph, and the Ngaraard sister state liaison Kedengel Douglas. Each of these individuals played an important role in making Team Cook Islands feel at home, ensuring their comfort, safety, and smooth integration into the community during their time in Palau. In a touching gesture of cultural exchange and friendship, the Governor of the Cook Islands' sister state, Sakuma, presented two beautiful paintings representing two well-known Ngaraard legends, symbolizing the shared history, values, and strong ties between the two communities. These paintings serve not only as a gift but also as a symbol of lasting friendship between Ngaraard and the Cook Islands. PCC also presented 5 logo shirts to the team of Cook Island.

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As the Games came to an end, President Whipps extended his sincere appreciation to all international partners for their invaluable support and contributions. He also offered heartfelt thanks and best wishes to every athlete, coach, official, volunteer, and supporter whose passion and dedication made the Games a success. The 12th Pacific Mini Games stood as a shining reminder that, though our islands are scattered, we remain united by one ocean and one Pacific Spirit.

BUILDING OF THE CAULDRON



1st Picture: The Cauldron and 2nd Picture: Welding the Cauldron

Palau Community College (PCC), the nation's only institution of higher learning, was honored to play a key role in the 2025 Pacific Mini Games by serving as a host site for athletes and teams from across the region. Among the many preparations underway, one extraordinary contribution stands out. A skilled and dedicated employee from PCC, Mr. Rox Gunayan was appointed by the Pacific Mini Games Chairman Dr. Patrick U. Tellei to design and construct the official cauldron a powerful symbol of unity that will ignite the opening ceremony and light the spirit of the games. After months of meticulous work, the cauldron has served the game well. Crafted using 1mm diamond metal sheets, the design balances strength and flexibility, allowing for both durability and artistic expression. The cauldron proudly displays the event's logo and reflects the vision of the Pacific Mini Games unity, empowerment, and regional pride. Rox said "I feel overwhelmed with joy and gratitude for the opportunity to be part of something this meaningful," said the volunteer builder. "From vision to flame, this cauldron is more than just metal and fire it carries the hopes of a region coming together."

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Cook Island Athletes in PCC Assembly Hall

Team Cook Islands extended a heartfelt "Meitaki Maata" (thank you very much) to PCC President Dr. Patrick Tellei, Mayor Tchuzie Tadao, whose leadership and hospitality created a welcoming environment for the entire team and Kate Oiph, whose tireless efforts as the village liaison made a lasting impact on the team's experience. Their unwavering dedication and generous spirit did not go unnoticed.

CDM MEETING IN THEATER ROOM



PNOC Secretary General Ms. Baklai Temengil - Chilton, CEO Mr. Andrew Minogue, Chairman of PMG Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and PNOC President Mr. Frank Kyota

Every morning, the Chef de Mission convenes in the theatre room of the new science building. During these meetings, they review incidents or developments that occurred overnight, identify key tasks for the day, and clarify the expectations outlined by the mayors and liaison officers. This daily briefing plays a crucial role in maintaining organization, resolving issues promptly, and ensuring everyone is aligned in their responsibilities. By fostering open communication and strategic planning, the Chef de Mission helps ensure the event runs efficiently and successfully, addressing challenges as they arise and keeping all stakeholders informed and engaged in the process.

BITS AND PIECES...

Tan Siu Lin PCC Library

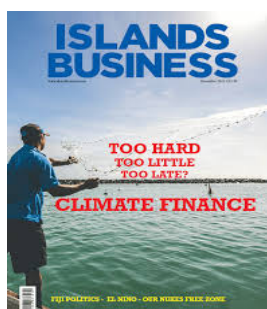
Hours of Operation

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

Saturday & Sunday
National Holidays CLOSED

For more information, call:
488-3540.

AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED READERS:
ISLANDS BUSINESS



Islands Business is the Pacific Islands' leading monthly magazine, delivering essential news and current affairs. It covers politics, economy, climate, and regional developments, offering in-depth analysis and local perspectives. As a trusted source, it connects Pacific communities and informs global audiences about issues shaping the Pacific Islands and beyond.

Academic Calendar

July 14 (M)
Registration for Fall 2025
Begins

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

ADMISSIONS & RECORDS ANNOUNCEMENT

REGISTRATION



For Fall 2025
Begins on
July 14, 2025



For more information call 488-3036



RANK	COUNTRY				TOTAL
1	Tahiti	72	41	29	142
2	Fiji	27	30	24	81
3	Samoa	27	14	20	61
4	Australia	24	15	16	55
5	Papua New Guinea	22	29	26	77
6	Northern Mariana Islands	10	8	13	31
7	New Caledonia	7	11	16	34
8	American Samoa	6	5	4	15
9	Palau	5	7	17	29
10	Marshall Islands	5	1	5	11

RANK	COUNTRY				TOTAL
11	Guam	4	9	7	20
12	Wallis and Futuna	4	5	4	13
13	Cook Islands	4	3	6	13
14	Kiribati	4	1	3	8
15	Nauru	3	24	11	38
16	Tonga	3	7	6	16
17	Vanuatu	3	7	5	15
18	Federated States of Micronesia	3	2	3	8
19	New Zealand	2	3	4	9
20	Solomon Islands	1	5	3	9
21	Tuvalu	0	0	2	2
22	Tokelau	0	0	1	1

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 (Payable)
Administration Department (Business Office)
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

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
- (11) Two (2) Library Assistant
Tan Siu Lin PCC Library
Salary range: \$7,800 - \$13,852 (depending on qualifications and work experience) per annum
- (12) Data Service Technician
Institutional Research & Evaluation Office
Salary range: \$10,000 - \$17,938 (depending on qualifications and work experience) per annum
- (13) Director of Development
Office of the President- Development
Salary ranges: \$18,730.00-\$33,262.00 (depending on qualifications and work experience) per annum
- (14) Bookstore Clerk
Administration Department (Business Office)
Salary range: \$10,101-\$17,938 (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>.

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

PCC Endowment

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE
To SUPPORT,
CONTACT US TODAY!**

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Palau 96940

Phone: 488-2470/2471 (ext. 251/252)

e-mail: tellei@palau.edu

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.



Please Hire PCC Graduates!

ALUMNI NOTES

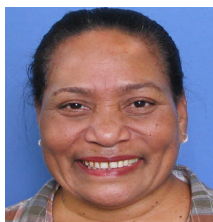
**FRITZ R. FRITZ JR.
BUSINESS ACCOUNTING**



Mr. Fritz R. Fritz Jr. graduated with his AS in Business Accounting this Spring 2025. He is employed at PCC Business Office as Accounting Technician.

Celebrating Birthday

July 14 - July 20 2025



Hilda Reklai



Husto Ulengchong

Notice to the Public

Bunk beds for sale, \$50 each. First come first serve. If interested, call PCC at 488-2470/ 2471



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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.

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