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PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS DR. TCHUZIE TADAO FOR DOCTORATE COMPLETION AND DISSERTATION DONATION



(LEFT PHOTO L-R) PCC UBMS DIRECTOR DR. TCHUZIE TADAO AND PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI
(RIGHT PHOTO L-R) PCC UBMS DIRECTOR DR. TCHUZIE TADAO AND LIBRARY SERVICES DIRECTOR CECIL METEOLECHOL

On October 22, 2025, Dr. Tchuzie Tadao, Director of PCC's Upward Bound Math and Science, presented a signed copy of his dissertation to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Director of Library Services Cecil Meteolechol. A copy of Dr. Tadao's dissertation will be stored in the Micro-P section of the PCC Tan Siu Lin Library and will be available for patrons to access. Thank you and congratulations to Dr. Tadao on his accomplishments. His dissertation will provide additional research materials for students to utilize for future studies.

This study explores the factors that influence high school students in Palau to enroll in community college, utilizing qualitative methods and insights from eight parents through semi-structured interviews. It examines both academic and non-academic influences on enrollment and program preferences, analyzed through Bourdieu's social capital theory. The findings offer valuable insights for stakeholders on how to support community college enrollment, highlighting the importance of parental influence. For more information, readers are encouraged to visit the library.

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

PRESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHT

(PHOTOS BELOW) PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI AND HIS STAFF ARE PICTURED RECEIVING MRE DONATIONS FROM THE HONORABLE JAMES C. MOYLAN, GUAM DELEGATE TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



PCC-CRE Hosts Palau Pledge Dive Camp for Hands-On Learning in Agriculture and Conservation



PCC-CRE STAFF WITH PALAU PLEDGE DIVE CAMP PARTICIPANTS GROUP-PHOTO R&D STATION

On October 6, 2025, the Palau Community College – Cooperative Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) hosted participants of the Palau Pledge Dive Camp for an engaging day focused on agricultural research, tissue culture, and sustainable farming practices. Students learned how a deep understanding of agriculture, land use, and farm management directly impacts the health of oceans and coral reefs, highlighting the crucial connection between land and sea.

The day included lessons on tissue culture and plant propagation, a tour of the Research & Development Station, and hands-on field activities. These experiences demonstrated how responsible land management can reduce runoff, protect reef systems, and enhance local food security.

By combining diving education with agricultural science, the program provided students with a greater appreciation for how caring for the land contributes to the sustainability of the ocean they are committed to exploring and protecting.

Special Lecture on Beneficial Microorganisms and Their Industrial Applications

Articles contributed by: Emengel Singichi, CRE Senior Research Assistant



PCC CRE STAFF, AG PROFESSOR, AND STUDENTS ATTENDING A SPECIAL LECTURE BY PROFESSOR CHIAKI IMADA FROM THE ATMOSPHERE AND OCEAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

On September 30, 2025, the Palau Community College - Cooperative Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) hosted a lecture titled “Isolation of Beneficial Microorganisms from the Natural Environment in Palau and Their Industrial Applications.”, delivered by Professor Chiaki Imada from the Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute at the University of Tokyo.

This lecture was part of a collaborative effort linked to the ongoing Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) project in Palau, which explores the sustainable use of deep-sea water resources for energy and research applications. Professor Imada shared valuable insights into the discovery and cultivation of beneficial microorganisms found in Palau's unique environments, particularly in areas affected by OTEC studies.

The event gathered students and staff, who gained a deeper understanding of how Palau's rich biodiversity can provide novel microbial strains applicable in food

production, environmental management, and other innovative sectors. This lecture emphasized PCC-CRE's commitment to fostering scientific collaboration and promoting sustainable resource use, while also connecting local research efforts with global expertise.



(PHOTO ABOVE AND BELOW) STUDENTS AND STAFF ATTENDING THE LECTURE



BITS AND PIECES

TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

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Monday to Thursday
7:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Friday
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

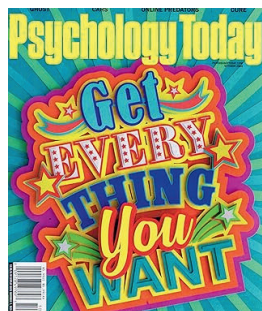
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Available To Interested

Readers:

Psychology Today



Psychology Today is a popular media organization that focuses on psychology and human behavior, with the goal of making psychological research accessible to the general public. Since its founding in 1967 as a bimonthly magazine, it has grown into a large online resource that includes a directory for finding mental health professionals, blogs, and articles.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

October 30 (TH)

Last Day to Remove Continuing Progress Grades for Spring 2025

Students Reflect on the Seminar: "Crimes and the Criminal Justice System in Palau"

Articles contributed by: Branson Giramur & Lamar Pedro, PCC Students



(L-R) DET. LT. ANTONIO, SS/HUM INSTRUCTOR HUFFMAN, DET. WARREN, DET. SGT. STARK, PALAU JUDICIARY CLERK TABELUAL, PCC CJ STUDENT MITOKO CHARLES, AND CJ ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR BELLS

Recently, we attended an informative seminar at Palau Community College about critical issues in crime and the criminal justice system. Hosted by PCC CJ Professor Bells, Hum/Social Studies Instructor Huffman, the Bureau of Public Safety, and the Palau Judiciary, the event highlighted often-overlooked aspects of crime. We were particularly struck by the alarming realities of human trafficking, which involves sex and labor exploitation. Victims often blend into our communities, reminding us of our responsibility to report crimes and raise awareness.

Additionally, financial crimes, though

less visible, can cause significant harm by funding other illicit activities like trafficking. Many of these crimes go undetected, and their impact can be devastating for individuals and organizations alike. This emphasizes the need for vigilance in our communities to combat such offenses.

A crucial point discussed was the role of mediators and interpreters, who ensure that all voices, especially those of marginalized individuals, are heard in the justice system. Overall, the seminar deepened our understanding of these issues and emphasized that justice is about supporting victims and ensuring fairness for all.

TRIVIA QUESTION

To solve this riddle, you'll need to visit the PCC Main Campus, in front Continuing Education Office:

*"I stand with courage, carved in stone,
A prince whose story is well-known.
In front of PCC I proudly stand,
Guiding learners on their way.
Find me, smile, and take your shot –
Send your photo, show what you've got!"*

@ Your Mission:

Take a selfie or 0.5 photo with this person
Submit the photo (read the guideline)

Trivia Submission Guideline

Only PCC students are eligible to participate.

To submit your answers, use your @palau.edu email and send them to okokichi@palau.edu. The lucky winner will be contacted to claim their prize.

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Vacancy Announcement

(1) *Federal Work Study Coordinator*
Student Services Division - Office of
Financial Aid
 Salary Range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per
 annum

(2) *Administrative Assistant,*
Student Services Division - Dorm
 Salary Range: \$12,001 - \$21,312 per
 annum

(3) *Accounting Technician (Payroll),*
Administration & Finance
Department - Business Office
 Salary Range: \$13,081 - \$23,230 per
 annum

(4) *Financial Aid Counselor,*
Student Services - Office of Financial
Aid
 Salary Range: \$12,049 - \$20,607 per
 annum

(5) *Dean of Academic Affairs,*
Academic Affairs
 Salary Range: \$21,911 - \$38,911 per
 annum

(6) *Instructor, English*
PCC Education and Training
Department
(Academic Affairs Division)
 Salary Range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per
 annum

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Celebrating Birthday

Oct 26 - Oct 31, 2025



**Shaik
Shinchi Higa**



**Mary M.
Banphis**

Happy Birthday

Mesekiu News Editor
 from PCC Development Office



ALUMNI NOTES

DeeAnn Hasinto



DeeAnn Hasinto completed her Associate in Science degree in Business Accounting in Summer 2018. She then transferred to EOU and graduated with her BS in Accounting. Now she is employed at the Civil Service Pension Plan. Congratulations and wishing her the best in her professional career!

PCC ENDOWMENT

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