

# MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## AMBASSADOR KASAHARA MEETS WITH PCC PRESIDENT DR. TELLEI: A COMMITMENT TO CONTINUED COLLABORATION



AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF JAPAN TO THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU, H.E. KASAHARA KENICHI AND PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI

On December 23, 2025, the newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of Palau, H.E. Kasahara Kenichi, engaged in a productive meeting with Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, President of Palau Community College (PCC). This meeting highlighted the importance of educational collaboration and the ongoing partnership between Japan and Palau.

During the meeting, President Dr. Tellei welcomed Ambassador Kasahara and provided an insightful overview of Palau Community College's origins and its history.

He emphasized the college's evolution from its inception to its current standing as the only institution for higher education in Palau, making significant contributions to the development of the country's workforce and community.

President Dr. Tellei also took the opportunity to express gratitude for the steadfast support that the Government of Japan has extended to PCC over the years. This support has been instrumental in improving educational resources and providing scholarship opportunities for students.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT



## Spring 2026 Enrollment Dates

Important dates for new, continuing and returning students



**November 24, 2025** – First day of registration for Spring 2026

**January 5, 2026** – New Student Orientation

**January 9, 2026** – Late Registration

**January 12, 2026** – First day of instruction

Enroll today at PCC Admission Office @ Miich Building

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Website: pcc.palau.edu

## PCC President Dr. Tellei Attends the Grand Opening of the Luuk Nature Center



CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE LUUK NATURE CENTER WITH A MEMORABLE GROUP PHOTO  
PHOTO BY @PALAU INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF CENTER-PICRC VIA FACEBOOK

On Friday, December 12, 2025, President Dr. Tellei attended the Grand Opening of the much-anticipated Luuk Nature Center, underscoring the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable tourism in Palau. The event took place at Palau Pacific Resort's very own Nature Center, a new initiative designed to promote education, awareness, and appreciation of the nation's unique natural heritage.

Attendees participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony, symbolizing the official launch of the Nature Center. Guests were then treated to a guided preview of the center's exhibits, which feature interactive displays and educational activities designed to inform visitors about Palau's diverse ecosystems and conservation efforts.

The atmosphere was lively, as participants enjoyed light refreshments and engaged in

meaningful conversations about the importance of sustainable practices and environmental preservation. Photo opportunities allowed guests to capture memories of this significant occasion, further highlighting the community's enthusiasm for the center's potential impact.

The Grand Opening of the Luuk Nature Center marks an exciting milestone in Palau's journey towards sustainable tourism and conservation education. As the center opens its doors, guests and, in the near future, students may be able to visit the center for educational purposes at no charge.



FISH POND @ LUUK NATURE CENTER  
PHOTO BY @PALAU INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF CENTER-PICRC VIA FACEBOOK

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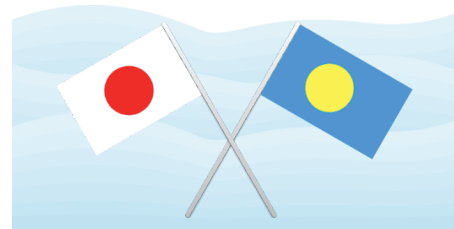
President Dr. Tellei underscored how Japan's commitment has positively impacted the education sector in Palau, fostering a brighter future for the nation's youth.

As they concluded their meeting, both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to working together. President Dr. Tellei looked forward to a fruitful partnership with the new Japanese ambassador, expressing optimism about ongoing collaboration that would benefit both the college and the broader Palauan community.

This meeting marks another step in the enduring relationship between Japan and Palau, underscoring the importance of education in building a prosperous future for the islands. With continued support from Japan, institutions like Palau Community College are poised to serve as a bridge for Palau's advancement in an increasingly interconnected world.



AMBASSADOR KASAHARA PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS TO ROP PRESIDENT H.E. PRESIDENT SURANGEL S. WHIPPS, JR. ON DECEMBER 16, 2025  
PHOTO BY @EMBASSY OF JAPAN IN THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU VIA WEBSITE





## BITS AND PIECES

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8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Christmas/New Year's Day  
Closed

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Closed During Intercession

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#### Available To Interested

##### Readers:

##### Women's Health



Women's Health is a prominent global lifestyle brand that serves as a science-backed, expert-led resource for over 44 million health-conscious women monthly. Throughout 2025, the magazine has focused on empowering its audience through a holistic approach to wellness, addressing key pillars such as evidence-based fitness, specialized nutrition, mental health, and longevity.

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**JANUARY 5 (TH)**  
**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**

**JANUARY 9 (F)**  
**LATE REGISTRATION**

**JANUARY 12 (M)**  
**FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION**

## PCC Mesekiu Bai Undergoes Renovations



MESEKIU BAI: AERIAL VIEW SHOWING RENOVATION PROGRESS, NEARING COMPLETION

On December 19, 2025, the Mesekiu Bai began a new phase of renovation focused primarily on restoring the thatch roof and retouching the paintings of Palauan stories and legends that adorn both the interior beams and the exterior gables.

The last significant renovation occurred in April 2014 and involved an extensive overhaul. During this project, wooden posts were replaced with durable concrete supports, and new wooden benches were installed. These changes were essential for enhancing Mesekiu Bai's structural stability while preserving its traditional aesthetic.

Periodic renovations are necessary to ensure the longevity and safety of the structure. The ongoing maintenance

of Mesekiu Bai, including the current restoration efforts, highlights the importance of preserving cultural landmarks within the community.

This year, students from CTE Lab School had the opportunity to learn how to sew the thatches made from nipa palm (*Nypa fruticans*) and assist in replacing the old roof. We also recognize Mabuchi workers who are also assisting with this project. Small renovations like this are conducted every few years to maintain the overall structure.

As the work progresses, the Mesekiu Bai will be ready ahead of Spring 2026 to welcome visitors and continue serving as a space for gathering, learning, and celebrating Palauan culture.



LAST WEEK'S AERIAL VIEW: RENOVATING BY REMOVING OLD THATCHES AND REPLACING THEM



## NOTICE TO ALLOTTERS AND DONORS

THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 29, 2025, WE WILL BEGIN ASSISTING AND ISSUING RECEIPTS TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTE ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU BRING YOUR W-2 FORM, CHECK STUB #26, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE YOUR TAX RETURN APPLICATION.

WE EXTEND OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO OUR COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND.

*Season's Greetings*

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## Celebrating Birthday

Jan 02 - Jan 08, 2026



**Lyndon  
Masami**



**Willes  
Tmecherur**

## ALUMNI NOTES

Shayla Selau Sebalt



Shayla Selau Sebalt proudly earned her Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice in the summer of 2025. She currently holds the position of Paralegal Specialist at the BOJ Law Office. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to her and wish her continued success in her endeavors.

**Please Hire PCC  
Graduates!**

## PCC ENDOWMENT

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

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