

# MESEKIU'S NEWS




## Campus Buzz: Free Weekly Newsletter

VOLUME 28, ISSUE 07



## DONATION OF PIGLETS ENHANCES LEARNING IN PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE PROGRAM



PCC AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE PROGRAM STUDENTS POSING FOR A PHOTO WITH THE DONATED PIGLETS

On February 6, 2026, the Palau Community College (PCC) Agricultural Science (AG) Program received a donation of 10 piglets from the Bureau of Agriculture (BOA) Livestock Division and the Taiwan Technical Mission (TTM). The two-month-old piglets will be incorporated into the program's hands-on learning activities, with Agriculture students caring for and managing them twice weekly as part of their training in livestock management and production.

This donation enhances experiential learning opportunities for students,

allowing them to apply classroom instruction to real-world animal husbandry practices in an upgraded facility.

The PCC Agricultural Science Program also extends its sincere appreciation to PCC President, Dr. Patrick Tellei, and the Acting Dean of Academic Affairs, Jay Olegeriil, for their strong support in upgrading the college's piggery housing, which has significantly improved the learning environment and animal welfare standards for the program.

*DONATION CONTINUED ON PAGE 2*

## PRESIDENTIAL HIGHLIGHT



PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI OF PCC AND AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY ANDY K. I. CHEN

### PCC President Extends a Warm Welcome to the New ROC (Taiwan) Ambassador.

Ambassador Andy K. I. Chen, recently appointed as the Ambassador of the Republic of China-Taiwan in Palau, brings significant diplomatic experience to his new role. Before this appointment, he served as the chief liaison officer to the Legislative Yuan and held key positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including Director General of the Office of Parliamentarian Affairs. His previous postings include serving as Taiwan's representative in Oman and leading diplomatic missions in Vancouver, Brunei, and the Philippines. On February 5, 2026, Ambassador Chen held a courtesy meeting with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.

*WELCOME CONTINUED ON PAGE 3*

*DONATION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1*

The PCC Agricultural Science Program thanks the Bureau of Agriculture and the Taiwan Technical Mission for their continued partnership and support of agricultural education. Specifically, to the BOA Director Ongly Rengemesau, Livestock Division Chief Corand, staff member Tyler, and TTM's Dr. Lee and staff for their ongoing support of the program and its students. Special appreciation goes out to CRE staff, Mr. Felix Sengebau, for facilitating this donation.

**MESEKIU COURT PRESS**



*PALAU PICKLEBALL  
EST. 2025 @ PCC MESEKIU GYM*

Palau Community College is excited to welcome H.E. President Surangel Whipps, Jr. and First Lady Valerie Whipps to the Mesekiu Gym, where they joined the College's Pickleball community. Their presence on the courts has been both a delightful surprise and a significant honor for everyone involved. As we look ahead, we are eager to expand our program and nurture the growth of pickleball, which is rapidly becoming a beloved sport with over 50 million players worldwide. Together, we aim to develop more players and foster a deeper appreciation for this dynamic game.

**EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT:  
ELCHUNG HIDEYOS**



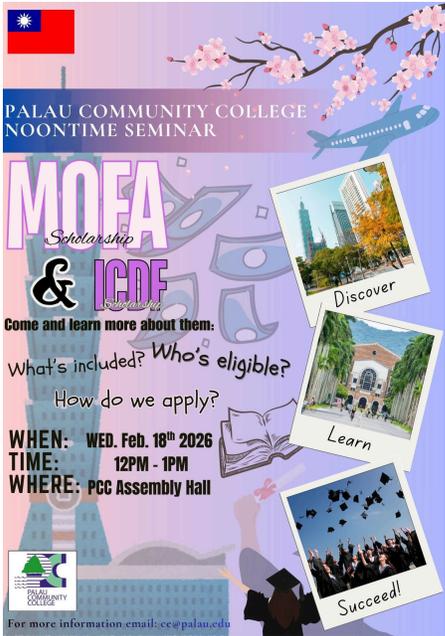
*ELCHUNG HIDEYOS PRESENTED HER PH.D. DISSERTATION PROPOSAL DURING THE NOONTIME SEMINAR IN OCTOBER 2025.*

We are excited to spotlight Elchung Hideyos, a researcher at the PCC Cooperative Research & Extension department. Elchung has been instrumental in our Palauan research initiatives and community education.

She will be on a one-year educational leave to pursue research and advance her doctoral degree in Japan, which highlights her commitment to personal growth and aligns with our mission to strengthen our CRE department and support our Bachelor of Science program.

Her work plan includes fieldwork in Palau, focusing on soil and water monitoring and drone deployments, along with gaining laboratory skills in Japan. She will also lead student seminars and participate in international conferences. Elchung will travel quarterly between Japan and Palau to ensure continuity of her research for her PhD dissertation and support USDA-NIFA-approved agricultural initiatives, specifically

**UPCOMING NOONTIME SEMINAR**



Join us for a Noontime Seminar on MOFA and ICDF Scholarships, hosted by the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan)!

Date: February 18th, 2026  
Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
Venue: PCC Assembly Hall

Don't miss out—come learn about these amazing scholarship opportunities!

As the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Palau wraps up its high school visit with the Palau National Scholarship Board, they are now visiting the Palau Community College (PCC). With graduation approaching and scholarship deadlines looming, this presents an excellent opportunity to engage and begin preparing and submitting college and scholarship applications.

addressing:  
1. Accession Number: 7009206 - Monitoring soil properties and strategies for resilient taro production.

*HIDEYOS CONTINUED ON PAGE 3*

# BITS AND PIECES

## TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

### Hours of Operation

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

Friday  
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

\*Closed on Sundays and National Holidays

For more information, call:  
488-3540

### Available To Interested

**Readers:**  
**CC JOURNAL**



The Community College Journal, published bimonthly by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), provides practical insights into the challenges and innovations in the two-year college sector. Unlike peer-reviewed journals, it focuses on leadership strategies, workforce development, and institutional policy, serving as a vital resource for college presidents, administrators, and faculty.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**MARCH 2 - 6 (M - F)**  
**MID-TERM PERIOD**

### Calvo's Select Care Health Insurance

#### Premium Rates

Monthly Rate (Single)	Class Type (Single)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly 24 PP
\$129.00	Employer (60%)	\$77.40	\$928.80	\$38.70
	Employee (40%)	\$51.60	\$619.20	\$25.80
Monthly Rate (Couple)	Class Type (Couple)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly
\$258.00	Employer (60%)	\$154.80	\$1,857.60	\$77.40
	Employee (40%)	\$103.20	\$1,238.40	\$51.60
Monthly Rate (Family)	Class Type (Family)	Percentage Split	12 Months	Bi-Weekly
\$412.00	Employer (60%)	\$247.20	\$2,966.40	\$123.60
	Employee (40%)	\$164.80	\$1,977.60	\$82.40

Enrollment for PCC staff remains open until March 02, 2026. Feel free to visit Human Resources to enroll or to add or remove dependents.

WELCOME CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

HIDEYOS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

During the meeting, Dr. Tellei provided an overview of PCC, detailing its history, accomplishments, and the collaborative efforts with Taiwan, notably highlighting the new Academic Science Building. This meeting underscores Chen's commitment to strengthening ties between Taiwan and Palau.

2. Accession Number: 7009207 - Screening adaptive taro varieties to enhance crop production.

Her vision and dedication will greatly benefit both her career and our community. We are proud to have Elchung as part of our team at PCC-CRE.

Visit the PCC Computer Services for login assistance or account recovery

**NOTICE TO ALLOTTERS AND DONORS**

THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 29, 2025, THEY BEGAN ASSISTING CONTRIBUTORS AND ISSUING RECEIPTS ON A DAILY BASIS.

TO ENSURE A SMOOTH PROCESS FOR YOUR TAX RETURN APPLICATION, PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR W-2 FORM, CHECK STUB #26, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS.

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

ADDITIONALLY, WE WELCOME DONORS AND ASSIST WITH ALLOTER ENROLLMENT.

**Interested in learning transferrable media and marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Dvelopment Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign-up.**

**Celebrating Birthday**  
Feb 13 - Feb 19, 2026



**ALUMNI NOTES**  
Deidre Bosil



Deidre Bosil earned her Associate of Science degree in Education - Early Childhood in the spring of 2025. She currently teaches at Ngermid Headstart. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to her and wish her continued success in her career.

**Please Hire PCC Graduates!**

**PCC ENDOWMENT**

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

P.O.BOX 9  
KOROR, 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!***



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.

**Vacancy Announcement**

(1) *Instructor, Construction Technology*  
Academic Affairs Division  
Salary Range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum

(2) *Instructor, Small Engine & Outboard Marine Technology*  
Academic Affairs Division  
Salary Range: \$12,653 - \$28,280 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 Range: \$16,010 - \$28,280 per annum

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

*For more vacancies and to apply, please visit:*  
<https://pcc.palau.edu/about/jobs-pcc/>

*"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."*