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## PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE WELCOMES THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL WORKING GROUP WITH RENOVATED DORM FACILITIES



THE TCN WORKING GROUP, ALONGSIDE PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI, GATHERED FOR A GROUP PHOTO AT THE PCC DORMITORY COURT YARD

On March 23, 2026, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, President of Palau Community College (PCC), extended a warm welcome to H.E. Surangel Whipps Jr., the President of the Republic of Palau, along with the Third Country National (TCN) Working Group during their visit to the campus. The TCN Working Group, established in October 2025, comprises of representatives from the 12th Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK), Rubekul Belau, the Governors' Association, and the Speakers' Association. Bilung Gloria Salii, representing the Mechesil Belau, also attended the meeting. The group is co-chaired by Minister of Justice Jennifer Olegeriil and Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and

Environment Steven Victor, who was unable to attend due to prior commitments.

The meeting was held in the Kedam Building of PCC. During this gathering, Dr. Tellei took the opportunity to highlight the recent renovations of the Biib Building, specifically "Dorm A," which is ready to welcome TCN arrivals to Palau. The remodeled dormitory features six revamped rooms on each floor, accommodating four to six individuals per room. Each room is equipped with modern amenities, including air conditioning, mini refrigerators,

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## ENDOWMENT DONOR



(L-R) DR. SINTON SOALABLAI REPRESENTING GLOBUS TRADING COMPANY AND PCC HR DIRECTOR HARLINE HARUO

Palau Community College extends its deepest gratitude to Globus Trading Company for their generous donation of \$5,000 to the PCC Endowment Fund.

This contribution represents an invaluable investment that will secure the college's long-term capacity to deliver quality education and resources. The partnership exemplifies strong community ties and a shared commitment to educational advancement in Palau. PCC sincerely appreciates Globus Trading Company's dedication to higher education and its role in shaping the futures of students.

## Building Resilient Blue Economies

Article by: Sumora Sumor, PCC Student



AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE NOONTIME SEMINAR, ATTENDEES, INCLUDING PCC STAFF AND STUDENTS, GATHERED FOR A GROUP PHOTO WITH MR. MASANORI KOBAYASHI

On March 19, 2026, Palau Community College Continuing Education Department hosted a noontime seminar featuring Mr. Masanori Kobayashi of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, who spoke on Ocean Governance and Sustainable Blue Economies. The event brought together Palauan leaders, faculty, and students to discuss pressing challenges and opportunities in marine conservation and fisheries management.

Mr. Masanori emphasized that sustainable fisheries and adaptive practices are essential for Pacific Island nations. He noted, “Our oceans are facing unprecedented pressures—from overfishing and biodiversity loss to climate change and coastal deterioration. By strengthening partnerships and sharing innovative practices, we can build resilient blue economies that benefit both local communities and the global environment.”

The seminar highlighted Palau’s ongoing collaboration with Japan,

including support from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, JICA, and the Japanese Government. These partnerships have advanced coral rehabilitation projects, consumer-driven initiatives such as mozuku seaweed sales and donations, and knowledge exchanges between Palauan and Japanese fishermen.

Local efforts were also showcased, including coral transplantation projects supported by fishermen and cooperatives, and innovative approaches to fisheries management using underwater cameras to track marine life. The discussion underscored the importance of balancing tourism recovery with environmental protection, ensuring that Palau’s marine resources remain sustainable for future generations.

The seminar concluded with a call to action: to continue building regional platforms for sustainable blue economies, share success stories internationally, and strengthen the historical and geographical ties between Palau and Japan.

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water kettles, trash bins, lockers, bunk beds, private showers and bathrooms. Additionally, the second floor offers a spacious, air-ventilated lounge area, complete with a desktop computer workstation, landline phone, and microwave.

Residents will be responsible for maintaining their living spaces and common areas, as cooking will not be allowed in the dorms. Instead, meals will be provided at the PCC Cafeteria, a detail emphasized by Dr. Tellei during the meeting.

To facilitate the TCN initiative, PCC has appointed key contacts: UBMS Director, Dr. Tchuzie Tadao, will serve as the Campus Coordinator, while CRE Director, Lyndon Masami, will act as the Assistant Campus Coordinator. Dean Hilda Reklai of Student Services will also play a crucial role, as her department oversees Dorm and Residence Life.

This initiative is made possible through generous funding and support from the ROP National Government, augmented by a grant from the United States aimed at hosting TCN personnel. President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei expressed his enthusiasm for hosting the TCN Working Group and showcased the newly renovated Biib Building, underscoring PCC's commitment to being fully prepared to accommodate TCN members upon their arrival in Palau.

# 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:

DWELL



Dwell magazine, founded in 2000, advocates for modern residential architecture by focusing on humanistic, livable design rather than traditionally staged spaces. Now owned by Recurrent Ventures, the brand has expanded from a print publication into a multi-platform community featuring digital content, specialized issues, and the Dwell House modular home line.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**APRIL 01 (W)**  
**PCC CHARTER DAY**

**APRIL 03 (F)**  
**PRESIDENT'S WALK & RUN**

## NEW PCC MERCH AVAILABLE @ PCC BOOKSTORE

(BACKPACK, LANYARD w/ ID HOLDER, POCKET NOTEBOOK)  
MORE COMING SOON



## REMINDER

Together We Heal!  
Palau Community College  
**Free Medical Clinic**  
MARCH 29 - 30, 2026  
08:00 - 17:00  
Visiting Specialists From  
Taiwan Adventist Hospital

No need to make appointment!  
First come first served!  
Come early to ensure to get seen!

### Specialties

- \*Ear, Nose, Throat (E.N.T.)
- \*Gastroenterology
- \*Internal Medicine
- \*Neurosurgery

### Also Includes

- \*Ultrasound Screening
- \*Illness Diagnosis / Minor Treatment
- \*Health & Education
- \*Prescriptions

The Clinic is NOT for emergency care, such as premature, labor, or trauma. For emergencies, the patients need to call 911 or go the nearest emergency room

Palau Community College, in partnership with visiting specialists from Taiwan Adventist Hospital, will host a Free Medical Clinic on March 29–30, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the PCC Auditorium (formerly known as Cafeteria).

No appointment is required—services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so early arrival is encouraged.

## TRIVIA QUESTION

To solve this riddle, you'll need to visit the PCC Main Campus:

*I am the place where paths are drawn,  
Where questions guide from dusk to dawn.  
I help you plan, I help you see,  
The courses that will set you free.  
Advisors wait with listening care,  
To shape your journey, step by step, fair.  
I do not grade, I do not test,  
But guide your choices to what fits best.  
What office helps you chart the way,  
So dreams can grow day by day?*

### Your Mission:

- Take a selfie with someone from this office (ask permission)
- 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. If you don't have access to your @palau.edu email, please visit the PCC Computer Services Office in the Ukall Building for assistance.

### 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.

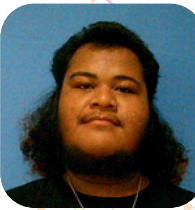
ADDITIONALLY, WE WELCOME DONORS AND ASSIST WITH ALLOTTER ENROLLMENT.

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

### Celebrating Birthdays March 27 - Apr 02, 2026



**Hannah Pate**



**Matthew Yanruw**

### ALUMNI NOTES Alonzo A. Sumor



Alonzo A. Sumor earned his Associate of Science degree in Business Administration in the Summer of 2025. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and wish him continued success in his future endeavors.

**Please Hire PCC Graduates!**

### PCC ENDOWMENT

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

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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](mailto:pccdev@palau.edu)

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



**PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**33<sup>rd</sup> CHARTER DAY**

**April 02, 2026**

**President's Walk & Run - April 03, 2026**

**4:30 AM - 5:15 AM - Registration @ PCC Mesekiu Gym**

**RUN/WALK STARTS @ 5:30 AM**