

## Farewell to Onesimo Santos

An outstanding classroom teacher and instructor Onesimo Santos retired on February 20, 2002. Mr. Santos served the College for the past 27 years, starting his teaching career as a part-time instructor back in June 9, 1974 when the College was still known as Micronesian Occupational College. On March 9, 1980, he became a full-time instructor and on October 01, 1989 he became an assistant professor. The College thanks Mr. Onesimo Santos for the years of dedicated service and support to the College. Best wishes on your retirement.


## What's New at the Library?

PNCA (Palau National Code Annotated) second supplement is now available at the Library-Micronesia -Pacific Collection.

Magazines: Tennis, February 2002  
Aces & Faults: the highlights and low points of a breakthrough-filled season.  
E (The Environmental Magazine) Jan./Feb. 2002  
So you're an Environmentalist...why are you still eating meat?

Book donors for this week:  
Barbara Shaw  
Robin Demeo

Vodeo donor for this week:  
Vicki Maui - donated 23 psychology films  
Special thanks to all the donors.



### Celebrating Birthdays

Lucius Beketaut	March 13
Thomas Taro	March 13
Gibson Towai	March 13
Emma Ultiraki	March 14

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**



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## Press Release, Palau Visitor's Authority

### "A Young Palauan Wins PATA "Faces of the Future"

Koror, Palau -- March 05, 2002 - Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) has recently named Sharon Sakuma as one of twelve candidates selected to the "PATA Faces of the Future" to represent the next generation of Pacific travel industry leaders. The Faces of the Future program was created in keeping with the theme of the upcoming 51st PATA Annual Conference, "Tourism - Looking Ahead and Beyond", to be held in New Delhi, India from April 14-18, 2002. It is for individuals under the age of 30 who exemplify outstanding achievements in tourism related fields, be it a profession or pursuit of higher learning, from the member countries. "These young men and women have demonstrated leadership qualities and a clear dedication to the Pacific Asia travel industry", says Mr. Peter de Jong, PATA President and CEO. "All have been invited to the 51st PATA Annual Conference and we look forward to introducing our members to the future leaders of the industry".

Sharon Sakuma, daughter of Ngaraard State Governor, Tadashi Sakuma and Fransica Sakuma, was nominated by Palau Visitors Authority (PVA) when the recognition program was announced in December last year. Sharon is currently working on her Master's in Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus, Honolulu. She is a former employee of PVA, beginning her career as an intern after graduating (Magna cum Laude) from the University of Guam in 1996, majoring in International Business and Management. Sharon went on to become Marketing Assistant for PVA prior to enrolling in the UH Master's program and working at the Pacific Business Center of the College of Business Administration as graduate student assistant.

The PATA Faces of the Future recipients this year are from Australia, USA, United Kingdom, Indonesia, Thailand and countries in Asia. "The Republic of Palau was the only island in the Pacific whose candidate was selected and this is indeed a tremendous achievement not just for Sharon but for our island nation; the recognition of Palau by the media during the conference as a result of this will be huge", says Mary Ann Delemel, PVA managing director.

All candidates have been invited to attend the upcoming 51st PATA Annual Conference in New Delhi, India from April 14 to 18, 2002. These 12 individuals will be interviewed by the media during the conference and be featured in the PATA Compass, the official publication of this organization.

One other entry that won the PATA Gold Award for environmental significance is "Uel a Sechelid" Turtle are our Friends. This is an environmental awareness campaign that was launched in 2001 by the Palau Conservation Society to save the population of sea turtles in Palau. During the 51st PATA conference, Palau will receive the Gold Award for this environmental awareness program; the nomination was placed by PVA through its membership in PATA; PVA will receive an honorable mention for the new poster set, which came out in January this year. Founded in 1951, PATA is the recognized authority on travel and tourism within the Pacific Asia region whose membership includes 41 national governments, 60 state and local tourism bodies, 66 airlines and cruise lines and over 2,000 travel related companies. PATA offers members networking opportunities and research services and advices in product development, marketing and a variety of educational seminars and workshops.



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## PCC PREPARES FOR 2002 CHARTER DAY (April 5, 2002)

On February 13, 2002, the Director of Research and Development Jay Olegeriil was appointed by Palau Community College President Patrick Tellei to be the chairman of the organizing committee for the 9th Annual Palau Community College Charter Day. After the appointment, committee leaders were selected and the first organizing committee meeting took place on February 14, 2002. During the meeting, the program for the whole day was discussed including the President's Run/Walk. The following are the PCC 2002 Charter Day Organizing Committees leaders.

### COMMITTEES:

- 1) Presidents Run & Walk  
Members: Sherman Daniel, Alvina Timarong, and Helene Moros
- 2) General Assembly  
Members: SBA and Ismael Anastacio
- 3) Pubicity  
Members: Willy Wally, Assisted by Helen Imanuel
- 4) Food  
Members: Ezra Takeo
- 5) Transportation-Logistics  
Members: Ann Sabra Vanoosterweyck and Presley Etibek
- 6) T-Shirts and/or Towels  
Members: Lesley Adachi

The 2002 PCC Charter Day will kick-off at 5:45 a.m. with the President's Run/Walk which commences at the K.B. Bridge-Koror side and finishes at the Palau National Track and Field. After the run/walk, a general assembly will be held at the main PCC courtyard in front of *Bai ra Mesekiu* at 8:00 a.m. to be followed by the activities for the day. The organizing committee is proud to announce that this year, President Tommy Remengesau Jr. will be gracing the morning assembly and will also deliver a special remark.

After the general assembly, charter day activities will commence followed by a special luncheon. Surprise awards and prizes will be handed out during the luncheon followed by the closing remark by the PCC President Patrick Tellei.

## PCC Continuing Education Provides Customer Service Training for Cab Drivers

The Continuing Education Office at PCC recently concluded a customer service training program for cab drivers in Palau. The training was aimed at improving customer service skills for taxi drivers as their profession puts them in contact with tourists as well as local patrons daily, thus requiring them to know the basic skills in customer service. The customer service training is an on-going program that was created a few years back to help local businesses that are service-oriented to better serve their customers.

This program is offered on a request basis and is available to both private and public establishments wishing to improve its services to its customers. Willy Wally, Dean of Continuing Education said that this program was made possible by the initiative taken by Palau Community College with the support of National Quality Academy. Anyone who is interested in this training program may contact the PCC Continuing Education Office at 488-2471, ext. 237.

## PCC Provides Office Space for PNYC, Will Join PNYC in Youth Day Celebration

Palau Community College is proud to host the Palau National Youth Congress Office and congratulates the new leadership under Mr. Joe Aitaro. PCC will be joining PNYC in celebrating the youth day holiday next Friday. PCC also stands ready to work with the youth congress in developing activities, especially for their educational endeavors.

### PCC Library Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 12 noon - 6:00 p.m.

For books inquiries and other information, please call 488-3540 and talk to one of the friendly library staff.

## PR-TEC ON CAMPUS

The Pacific Regional Technology in Education Consortium (PR-TEC) is a new program that exists within the campus. This is a 5-years program that operates here on campus, constructed to develop the use of technology to improve teaching methods and learning capability in the Pacific Region.

### PURPOSE:

- √ Enhance the ability of educators and community members to select and use technologies through professional development.
- √ Provide technical assistance that schools and communities will need in order to plan for and build technology infrastructure and application capacities.
- √ Educating the parents in regards of the use of technology in the lives of their children.
- √ To promote the general understanding of the use of technologies for teaching and learning.

### ACTIVITIES:

- Professional Development
- Technical Assistance
- Parents Education in Technology
- Parents Education in Technology
- Technology Information Dissemination

### PARTNERS:

Pacific resources for Education and Learning  
University of Hawaii at Manoa-University Affiliated Program  
University of Guam  
Hawaii Department of Education

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

The PR-TEC is under the supervision of Masa-Aki Emesiochel, Program Director. For any information, Contact PR-TEC at:

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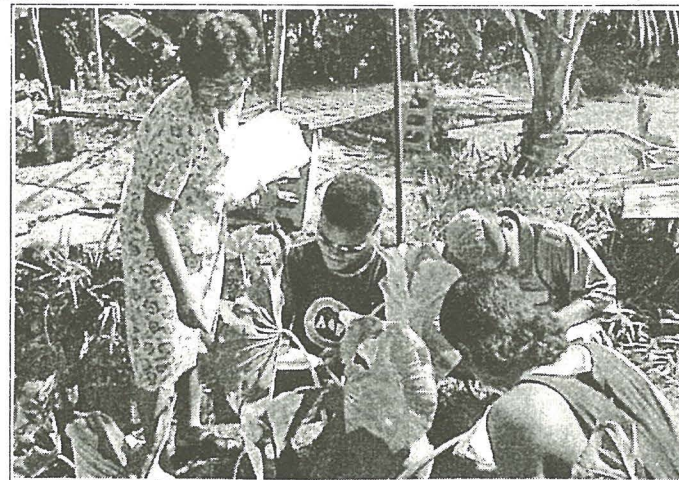
## VISITORS ENRICH PCC AGRICULTURE CLASSES

Two classes in the Agricultural Sciences Program were paid a visit by special guests on Friday, March 01, 2002. First, the Animal Husbandry class received a guest lecture by Mr. Joseph Tiobech, from the National Bureau of Agriculture. Mr. Tiobech, a former PCC (MOC) student, also studied with the OISCA Program in Palau and Japan. He has worked at several agricultural jobs in Palau. He shared his experiences in livestock production, providing a very interesting lecture and discussion.

Second, the Plant Science class received instructions in the description and identification of taro varieties from Dr. Aurora Del Rosario, a researcher with PCC-CRE department. Dr. Del Rosario has been characterizing Palauan taro varieties for the International Board of Plant Genetic Resources, a United Nations agency coordinating identification of important world food crops. Following her excellent presentation, Dr. Del Rosario took our students into the field, where they learned to characterize the taro varieties in their own farm. Students in the agriculture classes thank Mr. Tiobech and Dr. Del Rosario for their insightful and enriching lectures.



Instructor Shiomi Hata (l) thanking Mr. Joseph Tiobech for the educational lecture.



Dr. Del Rosario (standing) observing taro characteristics with PCC Agriculture students.

## RETENTION WEB PAGE

by: L. Adachi, PCC Retention Office, Tel.#: 488-2471, ext. 247

### Police Vehicles Get a Beauty Makeover, Courtesy of PCC Automotive Mechanic Students

Earlier this year, the ROP Government and the Department of Public Safety made a request to Palau Community College to paint police patrol vehicles. Due to shortage of funds, the Department of Public Safety was unable to afford the costly painting services by private companies and asked that the College's automotive mechanics program help them. Based on the agreement between PCC and the Department of Public Safety, Public Safety will provide the materials for the painting of the vehicles while PCC provides labor.

According to Eugene Uehara, PCC's Automotive Mechanics Instructor, the project will provide a great opportunity for his students to gain valuable hands-on training experience in a very specialized field, that is automotive painting and details. PCC's Automotive Mechanics Program also has an agreement with the Ministry of Education to provide annual maintenance check-ups and services to all the ROP school buses. For more information about this program and other services provided by the PCC Automotive Mechanics Program, please contact Mr. Eugene Uehara at 488-2471.



PCC Auto Mechanic students pose with one of the three police vehicles they painted at the PCC Automechanics Shop.

### BELAU CHILD CARE CENTER

The Belau Child Care Center here on campus is now open, thanks to a concerted effort by PCC, Palau Community Action Agency (PCAA) and the Ministry of Health (MOH). The daycare center was established by the three entities to provide child care services to young parents who are currently attending Palau Community College, or are thinking about attending but are unable to do so because of the lack of childcare facilities. The day care center which is located on campus officially opened its doors on January 15, 2002 and is co-managed by PCC, PCAA and MOH. The daycare center is at maximum capacity, currently serving 30 children ages two and half to five years old.

#### Priority:

- 1) Student Parents
- 2) School Staff
- 3) Community Members

#### Program Organizer:

Marjorie Kintol (Director of Child Care Center)

#### Staff Members:

- 1) 2 JICA Volunteers
- 2) 3 Palauans working under WIA
- 3) 1 Palauan who is in Japan attending a child care training program under Palau Community Action Agency.

### SALE! SALE! SALE!

The Driver's License Testing Booklet is now exclusively on Sale at the PCC Bookstore for only \$5.00. All proceeds from the sale of the booklet will go to the PCC Endowment Fund. There are also other great items including the delicious *bentos* on sale at the PCC Bookstore so stop by and see for yourselves.

### Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2002

February 15 (Friday)	Early Warning Progress Report
February 22 (Friday)	Last Day to Remove Fall 2001 Incompletes
March 4-8 (Mon.-Fri.)	Mid-Term Period
March 15 (Friday)	Holiday: Youth Day
March 18 (Monday)	Last Day for all Withdrawals
March 18-22 (Mon.- Fri.)	Spring Break
March 29 (Friday)	Holiday: Good Friday
April 2 (Tuesday)	PCC Charter Day
April 5 (Friday)	PCC Charter Day Celebration
May 6 (Monday)	Holiday: Senior Citizen's Day
May 10 (Friday)	Last Day of Instruction
May 13-15 (Mon.-Wed.)	Final Examination Period
May 17 (Friday)	Grades Due
May 24 (Friday)	Commencement Exercise