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BOT, Administrators, Faculty, and Staff Attend Leadership Training



PCC staff and faculty listen intently to Dr. E. Jan Kehoe (r) during her leadership seminar at the PICRC on Monday.

Dr. E. Jan Kehoe, President of Community College Leadership Development Initiatives (CCLDI) and Chair of the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) was in

this week to conduct a one-day leadership seminar to the Board of Trustees (BOT), administrators, faculty, and staff of the college. The training was held at PICRC conference room last Monday, March 10th. The leadership training couldn't have been held at a more appropriate time as the College is getting ready to begin work on the 2010 Accreditation Self Study.

Traveling with her husband, Mike Kehoe, Dr. Kehoe's 3-day stop in Palau allowed the couple to tour the island and visit the rock islands, go on a safari tour of the big island with a visit to the Capitol at Ngerulmud, Melekeok State. The couple

was also afforded the grand tour of the campus by President Tellei. Before leaving, Dr. Kehoe and her husband donated a generous sum of \$500 to the College Endowment Fund.

The College BOT members, administrators, faculty, staff and most especially the students would like to extend their genuine appreciation to Mr. Mike Kehoe and Dr. Jan Kehoe for their generous support to the College Endowment Fund and also the guidance with respect to accreditation.

Vocational/Technical Awareness Week Draws Over a Thousand Students



President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (3rd from right) pose for a photo with Mindszenty High School students before their campus tour.

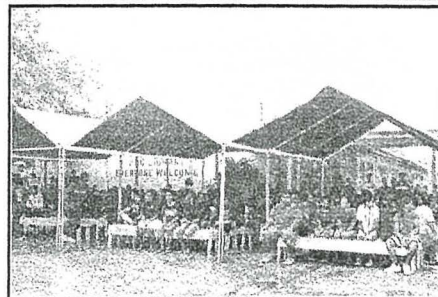
The three-day PCC Vocational/Technical Education Awareness Week concluded yesterday with organizers saying that they were happy to see over a thousand students from both the elementary and high schools throughout Palau visit PCC.

Elementary students, mostly from Koror and Babeldaob, and high school students from Palau High School, Belau Modekngai School, Mindszenty High School, and Emmaus High School toured the campus. Touring students were able to meet PCC students, tour the many facilities on campus, and witness the various programs available at PCC.

Organizers say that the Vocational/Technical Education Awareness Week would not have been as successful without the cooperation and dedication of the PCC Staff, Students, and most especially the support and participation of all the schools, Gear-Up program, and the Palau Chamber of Commerce. To all our visitors, it was a pleasure having you on campus and we look forward to seeing you all next year!



President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (r) receives the \$500 donation to the PCC Endowment Fund from Dr. E. Jan Kehoe and her husband Mike Kehoe (not pictured).



Students from Palau High School crowd the campus parking lot during the first day of the Vocational/Technical Education Awareness Week.

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ACCJC and PCC Officials Visit Extension Programs in Yap



Dr. E. Jan Kehoe (r) with Coordinator Anna Boliy during the tour at the program's mini library/resource area.

Dahlia Katosang, Dean Alvina Timarong and Asst. ALO Dei Olikong met with Dr. Kehoe and toured the Yap Nursing Program facilities. The tour was to ensure that the classroom, learning lab, mini library and computer lab have adequate tools and materials to support student learning. Dr. Kehoe and PCC team also toured the Community Health Centers in the villages as part of the required site visit. ACCJC Chair Kehoe was pleased with what PCC has and is doing with its Yap Extension Program to deliver and promote the learning in Yap.

On March 7th, Dr. E. Jan Kehoe, President of Community College Leadership Development Initiatives (CCLDI) and Chair of the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) conducted a site visit of the PCC-Yap Nursing Program. The PCC-Yap Nursing Program's Substantive Change Proposal was approved on October 2007 with a scheduled site visit as a federal requirement because it is an extension program outside of the PCC's main campus. Yap Health Service Director James Gilmar, Yap AHEC Executive Director Dr. William Thane Hancock, PCC Yap Nursing Program Coordinator Anna Boliy, ALO

While in Yap Dean Timarong, Director Katosang and Director Olikong took the opportunity to visit the students in the Yap Early Childhood Program. Two different group advising sessions were held during the late afternoons to address student financial aid, current courses. Students also had the opportunity to share their concerns and questions with the PCC officials. Fifteen students in the Early Childhood Program will be finishing this semester and the College has extended its invitation to have them attend the spring commencement in May 23, 2008 in Palau.

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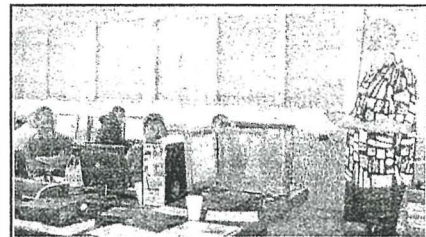


Students from Emmaus High School getting ready for their campus tour.



Visiting students with their tour guides heading down to the vocational/technical shops to begin their tour.

16 Participants Complete GIS Workshop



GIS expert, Royce Jones (r) with the Participants during their second day of workshop.

Royce Jones, a Geographic Information System (GIS) expert for the Pacific region, conducted a two-day GIS workshop on Monday and Tuesday, March 10th and 11th. The workshop was held in the Operations & Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP) computer lab on campus and was attended by 16 experienced GIS users from various government ministries, agencies and utilities, as well as environmental organizations. A range of topics was covered, including various tips and tricks in using this rather sophisticated mapping software.



Outer Island students posing with Dean Alvina Timarong in front of the Yap Early Childhood Program (Head Start) building where their PCC classes are taking place.