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Dorm Residents Go On Retreat



The dorm boys, while having a splashing time at Ngatpang Waterfall, pose for a photo op.

The male dorm residents were excited as they departed for their retreat held on March 12-13 at Cooperative Research Extension (CRE) campus in Ngermeskang, Ngarem-lengni. With the theme "My Role in Preserving Our Islands' Natural Habitat", the 73 students were not sure what was in store

for them, but were roaring to go.

The guest speaker, Dr. Yinnang Golbuu presented on the importance of coral reefs to the lives of people in the Pacific Region, how land erosion and unplanned develop-

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Distant Education Committee Meets



L-R: Geraldine Rengiil, Midori Mersai, Dannies Uehara, E-Van Ongerung, Johvanna Yaoch, Marianne Temaungil, Bruce Rimireh and Dean Sherman Daniel.

On March 29, 2012, the Distant Education Committee, a subcommittee of the Technology Resource Committee, met and orga-

nized themselves in the first meeting. It has been tasked to ensure that guidelines and

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ETS Participants from Melekeok Elementary School Visit MHS, PHS & PCC

Contributed by ETS Office

On March 14, 2012, 8th grade Educational Talent Search (ETS) participants from Melekeok Elementary School went on a field trip to visit and tour Mindszenty High School (MHS), Palau High School (PHS), and Palau Community College (PCC). As incoming freshmen to high school, students got a chance to tour the high schools to get themselves familiar with the campus/classrooms and get information about the high schools.

At MHS, Principal Elicita Morei gave a brief speech about its history. Students, parents, and teachers from Melekeok Elementary School received brochures with information about MHS and bookmarks as gifts. The Student Body Association (SBA) Officers, Ewing Rudimch, Ramon Fukuichi, and Iolani Kyota gave Melekeok students a tour of the school. They got to observe a classroom that was in session and were also shown the computer lab, meditation room, the library, science lab, band room, testing coordinator's office, counseling office, and the FKY gym. After the tour, the SBA officers provided snacks and drinks for the Melekeok students, parents, and teachers.

Next, the Melekeok students went to

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Pacific Digital Library Training Held

Contributed by Jessica Brooks



Trainer Karleen Manuel and library staff reviewing the Pacific Digital Library online.

Last week, from March 19 - 23, 2012, PCC Library hosted a three-day training on the Pacific Digital Library. The training was held by Miss Jane Barnwell from Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) and Karleen Manuel from the College of Micronesia-COM in Pohnpei. The training was for library staff at PCC to learn how to scan important items in the Micronesia-Pacific collection for the Pacific Dig-

ital Library website. Books that are one of a kind, falling apart, or in high demand take priority. This project will help to preserve unique Palauan and Micronesian books, documents, photos, and newspaper clippings for current and future generations to access. The scanning will be an ongoing project so new documents will be available on the website as they are processed. Check progress online at pacificdigitallibrary.org.

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ment affect the coral reefs surrounding the islands of the Pacific. Dr. Golbuu also explained the Global Warming and its effects to the coral reefs, sea level rise and even the local crops on land. The highlight of his presentation was when Dr. Golbuu showed video clips of Pohnpei and the Marshall Islands during the time he was doing his research study. Students got to see a number of local fishermen from their part of the Micronesia talking about their fishing experience today, compared to how it was decades ago.

The following morning, it was fun time as the boys had the chance to spend the morning splashing around and have a great time at the Ngatpang Waterfalls. Some of the

students managed to discover a swinging rope hanging from one of the tree branch above the pools, which began the imitation of "Tarzan" swinging and jumping into the water pools below. When the lunch arrived, all ate, and then swam some more until it was time to return to the dormitory. Exhaustion rode in with the students as they arrived at the dormitory. All in all, the male dorm residents were able to bond together, and experience a successful and rewarding retreat.

A big thank you to Dr. Yimnang Golbuu for doing a great presentation, to CRE for the use of the facilities, to Director Ngiralmu and the Student Life staffers who helped with transportation.

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procedures are in place to ensure consistency and quality learning. The committee focuses on distant learning that is available at PCC, including the online courses, any technology used for teaching, including hybrid technology and activities that are used in teaching the 19 courses that are online

at this time, including courses in English, Communication, Science, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Library Information. Committee chair, Marianne Temaungil is hopeful that the committee will have all guidelines and procedures in place for Fall 2012 semester.

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Palau High School (PHS) where Principal Ibuuch Tomoichi-Dean gave a short speech about PHS. Administrative Assistant, Susan Kebekol, gave the students a tour of the school. She showed them the carpentry shop, Spiders gym, automechanic shop, counselors' office, school nurse's office, English building, social studies building, math building, computer lab, science building, special education class, scholarship office, and many more. Ms. Kebekol informed the students about the school area, school uniform, and some rules and regulations. She informed the students that when they start school at PHS, they will be informed on all the rules and regulations about the school.

The students moved on to Palau Community College (PCC) where they met with some Tourism major students at the Assembly Hall where they were divided into two groups and went on a tour of PCC. The students went to the library, carpentry shop, automechanic shop, and welding shop. They got to see PCC students show off their skills and knowledge of what they've learned from carpentry, automechanic, and welding classes. The students also got a chance to visit the Talent Search Office, Upward Bound Office, and Upward Bound Math and Science Office. Their last stop was the Tourism Building where they saw a small presentation done by the Tourism students and then went on a tour of the Tourism building.

To finish their trip, the students went to the Ngchesar Waterfall. They were very excited when they did the small hike to the waterfall where they swam and played around for about an hour before departing back to Melekeok Elementary School.

ETS Program and Melekeok Elementary School would like to take this opportunity to thank Mindszenty High School, Palau High School, and Palau Community College for taking the time and accommodating them on their tour of the school campuses.

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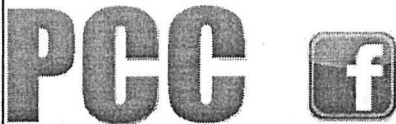


Omar Faustino.

Welcome to Endowment Fund donor, Mr. Omar Faustino. Mr. Faustino works as a teacher at the Melekeok Elementary School. He is our newest endowment member.

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Please call ext. 250/252/253 if you intend to submit your article after Monday or for more information.

Yachiyo Engineering Co. Visits Tellei



Back(L-R): Kazumori Sadamori and Takashi Hara. Front(L-R): Dr. Eng. Noboru Matsumura, Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Kyoji Fujii.

On March 28, 2012, consultants through the JICA program met with Dr. Patrick U. Tellei. The consultants are from Yachiyo Engineering Co., Ltd. Meeting with Tellei was to reconfirm the importance of the electricity supply to various institutions (both public and private) including PCC to get thoughts and information on the electricity demands, plans on stabilizing power supply to the institution, plans to save electricity consumption or to receive

or discontinue electricity supply from PPUC. This will help to clarify the benefit of Japan's grant aid to procure and install two 5MW diesel generators.

Dr. Tellei stated that he was grateful for the opportunity to give his thoughts, commenting that the 10MW power plant they were displaying in their plans will ensure uninterrupted power supply to the people.

Tellei Meets SDSU President



L-R: Dr. Sax, Dr. Tellei, Dr. Hirshman and Dr. Ric Hovda.

From March 14-16, 2012, Dr. Tellei attended the ACCJC Development Workshop in Huntington Beach, CA. The workshop is held every year for all commissioners to reflect on their work and their role as members of the WASC accrediting body. This year's workshop was of particular importance as the commission addressed the issues relating to Student Learning Outcomes.

While there, Dr. Tellei met with the new president

of San Diego State University, Dr. Elliot Hirshman to thank him and SDSU for their collaboration with PCC which has resulted in awarding of 129 bachelors and masters degrees in Palau. He also had the opportunity to meet other officials including Dean Ric Hovda, Dean Steve Spencer, Director Caren Sax, and Dr. Sylvia Garcia-Navarrete who recently intered at PCC and introduced Reading & Writing Toolbox.

ALUMNI NOTES

Class of 2004

Tessmarie U. Kodep



Earned her Associate of Science (AS) degree in Office Administration. Continued on to earn her Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Business Administration at Eastern Oregon University in 2008. Currently, she is the Financial Aid Counselor at PCC. *Message: Education is the key to success.*

Class of 2005

Vanessa Ngirkelau



Earned her Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Business Accounting. She is currently working at PPUC as the cashier in the Collections Department. *Message: Study hard, and stay in school, completing your education.*

Class of 2011

Leilani Etpison



Earned her Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Office Administration. She was hired at PICRC as an Office Assistant/Payroll Clerk. She has been working there for six months. *Message: Study hard; not for your parents or anyone else, but for yourself and your future. But it doesn't*

mean you can't have fun. Make the most of PCC and go on the path you have planned.

Alumni Notes

showcases MOC & PCC alumni who are positive role models and contribute to the quality of life in their local communities. If you are that alumnus/alumna or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.



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Celebrating Birthdays

Jessica Brooks	Apr 10
Glendalynn Ngirmeril	Apr 10
Tessmarie Kodep	Apr 12
Gaylord Rdechor	Apr 12



Happy Birthday To You!

Staff Complete IDA Training



L-R: Dawkins Dingilius & Clement Kazuma.

Two maintenance staff, Director Clement Kazuma and Maintenance Helper Dawkins Dingilius, attended the Initial Damage

Assessment (IDA) Training held on March 22-23, 2012 held at the new NEOC facility at Airai State. The training was conducted by the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) in collaboration with SOPAC. The purpose of the training is to ensure that all appropriate government agencies are prepared and trained to conduct an Initial Damage Assessment survey and prepare a preliminary damage report to the President who will decide whether to declare a state of emergency or disaster within the Republic of Palau and also develop a recovery program to address the needs of the crisis.

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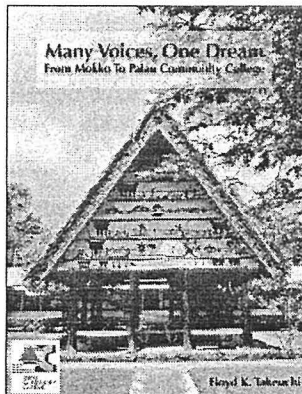
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- (3) Counselor, Student Life Office
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- (4) CHL Palau Outreach Educator
Salary range: \$12,653 - \$19,479 per annum
- (5) Researcher/Aquaculturist
Salary: \$30,000 per annum
- (6) Assistant Director of Admissions & Financial Aid
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (7) Associate Professor, Tourism & Hospitality
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (8) Accounting Technician (Payroll)
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