

PNCC ROCKS ENDOWMENT BOAT

The phone call came in and the PCC staff wild. Wild with excitement. Some twenty-seven (27) staff at Palau National Communications Corporation (PNCC) had decided to enroll and become members of the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club. Wow, that is rocking the boat! These new Endowment members from PNCC are **Blanche Salii** (who donates as a member of the Hilo Belau Organization and now also donates as a PNCC staff), **Marissa P. Mad**, **Francisca Wataru**, **Kebesei Mongami**, **Elizabeth T. Alonz**, **Pamela Takataro**, **Jesse Alfonso**, **Danny Kingzio**, **Prozert Ngiralmu**, **Rolando B. Mission**, **Susan Leong**, **Gloria K. Sengebau**, **Silwai M. Obeketang**, **Kahili Remeliik**, **Pamela E. Anastacio**, **Mahelany D. Oseked**, **Spunce Takada**, **Lisa Ann Marbou**, **Hubert Akiwo**, **Karen Salii**, **Ringo Ultiraki**, **Engracia Decherong**, **Priscilla Soalablai**, **Brenda Tarimel**, **Kraskes Yakuchil**, **Clever Rechelluul**, and **Dudley Ililau**. PCC welcomes our newest members from PNCC while at the same time encouraging all other PNCC employees to join their colleagues and us as we strive to support our very own college - PCC!



PNCC employees who have joined the Endowment Contributors' Club

Celebrating Birthdays

Virginia Ikeya	April 27
Yimnang Golbuu	April 28
Allan Rengechel	May 1
Neri Alcantara	May 1

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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MORE ROP STAFF JOIN ENDOWMENT CLUB

A truly grateful Palau Community College welcomes the newest bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund. Today, we are excited to see employees from various sectors of the national government join us in supporting Palau's only college, PCC.

From the Ministry of Health, we see nine (9) new members, **Joaquina Ulangchong**, **Deborah Mesubed**, **Benardita Mariur**, **Nazaria Tutiy**, **Merlynda M. Ramarui**, **Dilisa Brikul**, **Mason Emesiochl**, **Stacy Ngiralmu**, and **Fumiana Masayos**. At the Ministry of Education, we welcome four (4) new members, **Flora Wasisang**, **Rita Kuchad**, **Patrick Nestor**, and **Francisca Ngirarorou**. From the Parole Board Office, we welcome one (1) new addition, **Claudia T. Rivera**. PCC welcomes everyone to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Thank you for showcasing your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only college. Together, let us ensure that future generations have the same opportunity and access to higher learning as presently provided by our college, Palau Community College!



More PNCC staff join Endowment Club



PNCC employee Blanche Salii played a key role in recruiting her fellow PNCC staff to join the PCC Endowment Club!



MOE staff Nazaria Tutiy (I) and Benardita Mariur



MOE employees Rita Kuchad and Patrick Nestor



MOH staff Dilisa Brikul



MOE employee Flora Wasisang



MOH staff Joaquina Ulangchong



MOE employee Francisca Ngirarorou



MOH staff Stacy Ngiralmu



MOH staff Fumiana Masayos



MOH staff Deborah Mesubed



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One Hundred Thirty-Eight May Graduate in May

With the Spring 2003 Commencement Exercises set to take place on Friday May 23, 2003, the PCC Registrar's Office has released a tentative list of prospective candidates to graduate. Below is the listing indicating the students' majors and where they are from:

*Major	Chuuk	Kosrae	Palau	Phil.	Pohnpei	Yap	Total
AC			2				2
AC/ET						1	1
AGS		1	2			1	4
AMT			3		3		6
BA		2	12	1		3	18
CJ	1	2	15		1	3	22
CT			1			1	2
ED			22				22
ET		1	2		1	1	5
GET			6			1	7
LA			7				7
NU			1				1
OA			16			3	19
SE			2			2	4
TH			16			2	18
TOTAL	1	6	107	1	5	18	138

While the numbers above reflect those candidates who will be receiving their certificates and/or degrees, it does not include the number of diploma candidates from the PCC Adult High School or the master's degree candidates who took San Diego State University courses. These two groups will be receiving their respective diplomas and degrees when they take part in the College's commencement exercises in May. Thus, if all candidates from these various programs successfully complete all of their program requirements, this year's graduation will be one of its biggest in the College's history. For more information about the PCC 2003 Spring Commencement Exercises, contact Presley Etibek at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension 249.

*Major: AC - Air Conditioning; AC/CT - Air Conditioning/Electrical Technology; AGS - Agricultural Science; AMT - Automotive Mechanics Technology; BA - Business Accounting; CJ - Criminal Justice; CT - Construction Technology; ED - Education; ET - Electrical Technology; GET - General Electronics Technology; LA - Liberal Arts; NU - Nursing; OA - Office Administration; SE - Small Engine; TH - Tourism and Hospitality

CRE Staff Represents Palau Gov't. in Montreal

Submitted by: PCC-CRE Department

The Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity convened a meeting of an expert group to further develop the following: Principles for developing national-level monitoring and indicators; Standard questions for developing national-level indicators, and a List of available and potential indicators based on conceptual framework.



PCC-CRE's Portia Franz

The three-day meeting in Montreal, Canada, was attended by nineteen government-nominated experts and a number of non-government and United Nations representatives. Ms. Portia K. Franz of PCC-CRE represented the Palau Government at this meeting through the Office of Environmental Response and Coordination.

Some participants shared their case studies in utilizing available approaches, process, tools, and policies to develop biological indicators and monitoring programs in their respective countries. The experts at the meeting determined that principles relating to indicators be distinguished from those of monitoring. They also acknowledged the diversity of political and ecological environments that make it impractical to develop a universal indicator that is applicable to most countries. Henceforth, they developed a template to categorize the indicator list of inland water biological diversity and a schematic procedure for the Biodiversity Assessment Implementation that can be adopted for use in other ecosystem types. Further work and peer reviews still need to be accomplished before the results of the experts' meeting is presented to the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity for consideration in June 2003.

AG Program Donates Trees for Earth Day

An important part of Earth Day observations in Palau every year is tree planting. This year two trees were planted at the Koror State Capitol complex by High Chief Ibedul Yutaka Gibbons and President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. We are proud to announce that the two trees were donated by PCC Agricultural Science Program. The trees they planted are known as 'erecheroi' (scientific name *Mussaenda frondosa*). They are native to Palau, and are also found in other tropical countries. They were grown as part of our effort to promote the use of native Palauan plants in landscaping.



Koror Governor Johnny Gibbons, High Chief Ibedul Yutaka Gibbons, and President Remengesau pose with the tree planted by Ibedul.

CRE, AG and Environment Clubs Participate in Earth Day

One of the most active PCC student organizations, the PCC Agriculture Club, continued its active ways, participating in the observation of Earth Day on April 22nd, held this week. The Club booth had posters demonstrating how poor farming practices can damage water resources, while good farming practices protect and conserve water. The Club had seedlings, compost, and fruits for sale, along with displays of native Palauan plants.

In addition, the College was also well represented by the PCC-CRE department as well as the PCC Environmental Club. Like the Agriculture Club, they also set up display booths featuring their respective activities, programs and services that benefit the community while preserving our island's unique environment.



Agriculture Club members pose in their booth. L-R: Ned Ned, Tripler Orrukem, Tharnagan Loochaz, Edgardo David, and Linus Marewibuel

PCC Faculty Attends PIRIC in Suva

PCC faculty Mr. Joe Tutii-Elbuchel Chilton recently attended a three-day Pacific Islands Regional ICT Consultation (PIRIC) in Suva, Fiji to help "in discussing and analyzing the Pacific Regions, Declaration of Principle and Action Plan for the World Summit on Information Systems (WSIS)". Below is a media release from the PIRIC:

Media Release

Participants at the Pacific Islands Regional ICT Consultation (PIRIC), held in Suva, Fiji, from 9-11 April, have been preparing Pacific Island countries and organisations to participate effectively in the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

The Consultation was attended by almost 100 representatives of Pacific Island governments, communication and information service providers, media organisations, and NGOs and civil society entities actively involved in a wide range of Information Society issues from 14 countries and territories.

The objective of the Consultation was to ensure that the unique contributions and needs of Pacific Island countries and peoples including groups with special needs are fully recognized and represented throughout the WSIS process and ultimately reflected in the Declaration and Action Plan to be adopted at the Summit in Geneva December 2003.

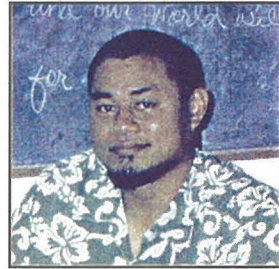
Participants considered presentations on national and organisational policies, strategies and action plans relating to information and communication technologies (ICTs). Other inputs included the Pacific regional framework documents (the Forum Communication Action Plan and the Pacific ICT Policy and Strategic Plan), documentation from the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference held in Tokyo in January 2003, the draft WSIS framework, and papers provided by NGOs and other participants on a wide range of ICT-related issues.

The Consultation featured analyses by national and sectoral working groups of the WSIS draft Declaration of Principles and Action Plan. Priority issues that were identified included the special circumstances faced by small island developing states in becoming knowledge societies, focus on information rather than technology, improvements in human resources and infrastructure, the importance of traditional media, recognising diversity and special needs, and the role of non-governmental organisations.

Following the Consultation, participants are better placed to understand opportunities and priorities for deriving optimum benefits from ICTs as developmental tools. Attention focused on a wide variety of critical issues, including the often high costs of ICT development, human resource constraints, and the need to ensure that ICT access is made as universal as possible and that women are able to participate fully in ICT activities.

The Consultation made recommendations on ICT development issues that were included in a regional guidance document for use in preparations by national governments and relevant regional organisations for their participation toward the Summit.

The Consultation was organised and sponsored by FDC: Foundation for Development Cooperation, GKP: Global Knowledge Partnership, ITU: International Telecommunication Union, PIFS: Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, PITA: Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association, UNDP/UNOPS: the e-Pacifika Project team, and UNESCO: United Nations Education, Science, and Culture Organisation.



PCC Social Science Faculty
Joe Tutii-Elbuchel Chilton

LIBRARY NEWS For YOU!

What's new in the Micro-P Collection?

Aloha Shirt: Spirit of the Islands - tells the colorful stories behind these marvelous Hawaiian shirt: as cultural icons, evocative of the mystery and the allure of the Islands; as collectibles; valued by professional collectors and by the millions of vacationers and servicemen who still cherish the shirts hanging in their closets; and as lifestyle--casual, relaxed, and fun.

An historical perspective of helping practices associated with birth, marriage and death among Chamorros in Guam by Lilli Perez Iyechad.

BITS AND PIECES...

Reminder for Internship Candidates

Internship candidates for Summer Session 2003 are reminded that applications for Summer Internship placement are now being accepted at the Extension Program Office located upstairs in the TEMEKAI building. The deadline for processing the applications is May 16, 2003. Please see Mr. Vincent Ito right away so that you may be able to complete your forms and submit them on time.

PCC Recognizes Secretaries

This past Wednesday, the College's Human Resources Division gave each of the College's secretaries a rose in honor of Secretaries' Day and more importantly, as a token of the College's appreciation to our secretaries who ensure that this institution is smoothly run. No matter how big or small a gesture of appreciation, none compares to the value of the contribution performed by the College's secretaries; thus, the College once again thanks its secretaries and encourages them to continue their critical role in helping the College to provide quality and excellence in our programs and services!

New Addition to CRE Family (Submitted by PCC CRE Department)

After a long delay, the newest member of CRE staff began this week, after a two-week language course in English and Palauan.



Ms. Mitsuko Kobayashi, a JICA senior volunteer specializes in tissue culture and will be working at the PCC-CRE Research and Development Station in Ngermeskang, Ngaremlengui State. She is a graduate of the Ibaraki University and has worked as engineer, senior research officer, manager and a professor. Ms. Kobayashi will be working with CRE researcher Ms. Portia Franz, on the tissue culture of taro and other plants that may be of interest to Palauan people. Ms. Kobayashi will be working with us for two years and during this time she will transfer to Ms. Franz all the necessary skills required to perform the delicate work of tissue culture. Let us all welcome Ms. Kobayashi to the College family!

CE Summer Program Offerings

In preparing to offer its summer program, the Palau Community College Continuing Education Office announces to all parents and guardians that PCC will be offering summer courses for our elementary and high school students. These courses are designed to provide our children some form of activities for them to do during the summer while learning new skills to enhance their knowledge, which may help them to improve their grades and become better students. The courses to be offered include:

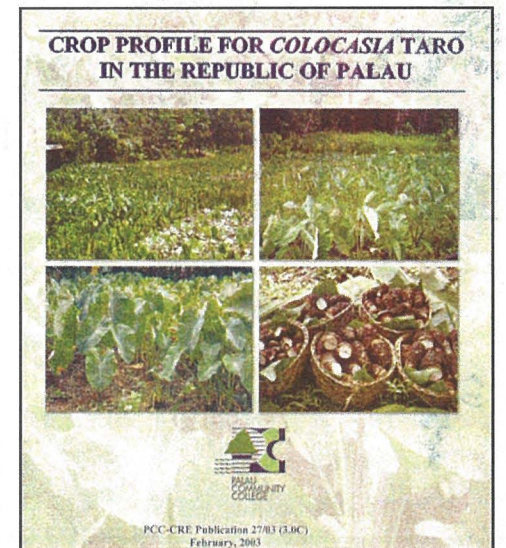
Course	Participants' Grade Level/Age
Arts	4th - 11th Grade
English Reading	4th - 11th Grade
English Writing	4th - 11th Grade
Marine Science	6th - 11th Grade
Mathematics	4th - 11th Grade
Music	4th - 11th Grade
Camping	8 - 14 years old

If you are interested in registering your children in any of these courses, or if you want to know more information about these summer courses, please call Ms. Eileen Babauta or Ms. Taruu Nakamura at PCC Continuing Education at telephone number 488-2471/6223. The deadline for registration is May 23, 2003.

New Publication on Taro from PCC-CRE

Submitted by: PCC-CRE Department

The Cooperative Research and Extension Department of the Palau Community College (PCC-CRE), through the leadership of the Interim Vice President Thomas Taro, has produced a new publication on taro production. The "Crop Profile for Colocasia Taro in the Republic of Palau" written by CRE Researchers, Dr. Aurora G. Del Rosario and Dr. Nelson M. Esguerra.



It deals with appropriate production practices that should be done to ensure successful production of taro. It also includes information on pest problems that occur in growing taro including some pest management options necessary to reduce the problems. The publication contains color photographs of field activities and important insect pests, diseases and weeds attacking taro.

If you are interested to have a free copy of this publication, visit CRE Department at PCC in Koror or call Tel. No. 488-2746. Or, if you wish to learn about PCC-CRE's many programs and services provided for the community, contact the above telephone number.