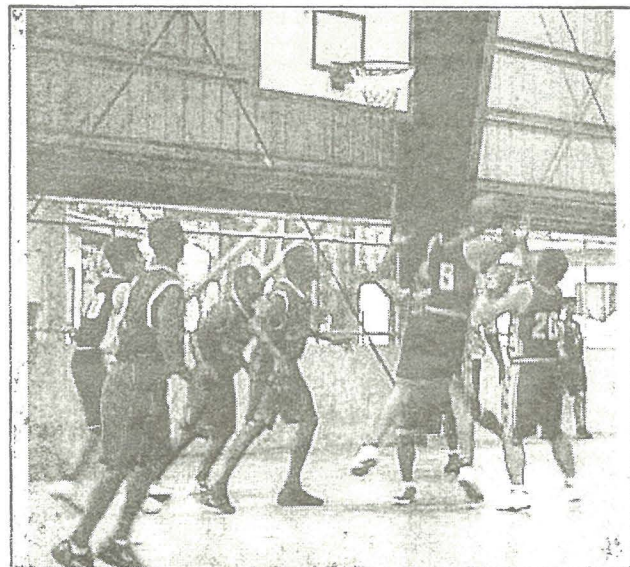


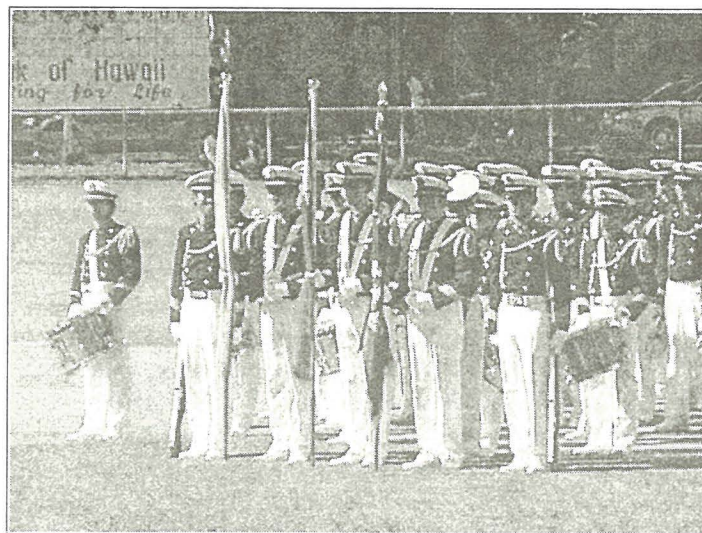
## Palau Community College Joins the Republic of Palau in Welcoming the Republic of China(Taiwan) *Fleet of Friendship* to Palau



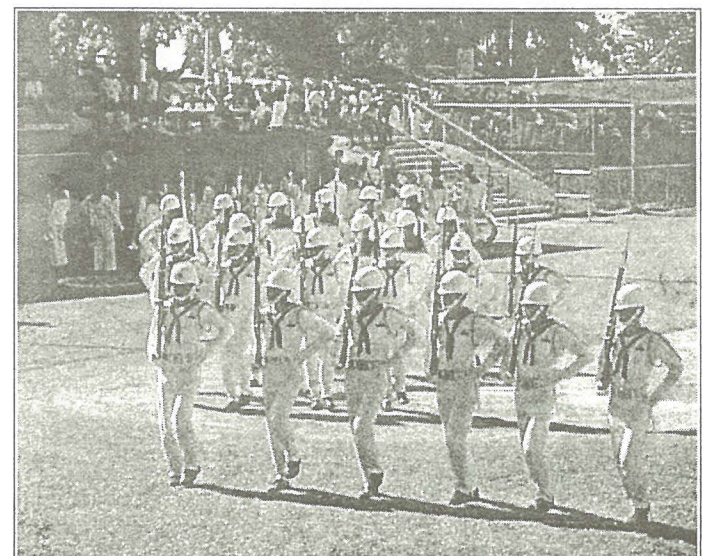
ROP President Tommy Remengesau Jr. (3rd-left) joined Taiwan Ambassador Clark Chen (2nd-right) during a welcoming banquet that was held last night aboard one of the vessels in the *Fleet of Friendship*.



PCC students play a friendly game of basketball yesterday at the Palau High School gym with the crew of the *Fleet of Friendship* from Taiwan. Final score: PCC-52, Taiwan 50.



The *Fleet of Friendship* Marching Band performing yesterday at the Asahi Baseball Field. The crew of the *Fleet of Friendship* will paint the bleachers at the baseball stadium today as a goodwill community service.



The *Fleet of Friendship* Honor Guards performing drills at the Asahi Baseball Field yesterday to the hundreds who turned out to attend the welcoming ceremony.

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**Celebrating Birthdays**

Virginia Ikeya	April 27
Neri Alcantara	April 1
Allan Rengechel	April 1

**Happy Birthday To You!**

**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.



# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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Friday, April 26, 2002

Weekly Newsletter

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## Chinese Cabbage and Cucumber Leading Vegetables Produced in Palau

Last year, a farm survey was conducted by the Palau Community College - Cooperative Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) department as part of the USDA CREES project on Sustainable Marketing Strategy in Micronesia. Seventeen farms in Koror, Airai, Aimeliik and Ngaremlengui were visited on a monthly basis and surveyed for the type of crops grown, area planted and date of planting of each crop. Most of the farms were small holdings of 1-2 acres. Some were owned and operated by Palauans with Filipino or Chinese workers while others were leased and operated by Chinese farmers. The survey showed that twelve vegetable crops were regularly planted.

The total area planted with vegetables was 42.31 acres and the leading vegetable produced in Palau was found to be Chinese cabbage with a projected total annual production of 116,963 pounds from 11.55 acres or 43.8% of the total area planted with vegetables. It was also found that 90% of the total Chinese cabbage in Palau was grown at the Palau Organic Farm. This is a venture of a Japan firm in Palau where the vegetables are organically grown in 22 greenhouses with 95% of the total area planted with Chinese cabbage. Palau Organic Farm also grows other crops such as cucumber, okra, bell peppers and green onions.

Other farmers have found cucumber to be a profitable crop which is the second leading locally grown vegetable with a total projected production of 89,670 pounds harvested in 4.75 acres. Cucumbers were grown in 16 out of 17 farms surveyed. In terms of area, the other most widely grown vegetables were long beans, watermelon, eggplant and swamp cabbage, planted in a total area of 21.6 acres in Palau. Cucumber was grown in 18.5%, string beans in 13.7%, watermelon in 11.8%, eggplant in 9.2% and swamp cabbage in 8.4% of the total area planted with vegetables.

PCC-CRE would like to express heartfelt thanks to the owners and managers of the following farms for their cooperation in allowing us to visit and survey their plantings: Lakobong Farm-Koror, Evergreen Farm, Kuartei Farm, Yano Farm, Emerald Farm, Greenhouse C- Airai, Aimeliik Farm A, Aimeliik Farm B, Ueki Farm, Nova Farm, Reklai Farm-Aimeliik, and Palau Organic Farm-Ngaremlengui.

For more information about this survey, please contact PCC-CRE at telephone number 488-2746/4983; fax: 488-3307; email: [Asuta@palaunet.com](mailto:Asuta@palaunet.com).

## PCC's 39th Commencement Exercise Preparation Continue Sub-Committees Formed

The 39th MOC/PCC Commencement Exercise is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 24, 2002. The graduation organizing committee appointed by President Tellei met on April 11, 2002 and chose Dean of Students, Presley Etibek to be the overall chairman of the organizing committee and Imengel Mad as secretary. During the meeting, the following sub-committees were created and their chairs selected:

Program/Script- Dean of Academic Affairs, Alvina Timarong  
Practice/Ushers- Director of Student Life, Marensia Edwards  
Award/Publicity- Extension Program Coordinator, Vincent Ito  
Catering- Food Service Supervisor, Ezra Takeo  
Logistics- Physical Plant Secretary, Sabra Vanoosterweyck

The committee is meeting every Thursday to go over all the details of each subcommittee tasks to ensure that the committee's timeline is being adhered to. The committee originally planned to make this the first commencement exercise to be held outdoors in the main courtyard but later decided to keep it in the cafeteria for logistical reasons. The committee agreed though that after the 40th graduation ceremony which is next year, the main courtyard should then be well-suited to support such a function.

Forty-one PCC students are expected to participate in this year's ceremony and they will be joined by 18 Adult High School students who are the first graduates of the program.

The various sub-committees are soliciting help from anyone who may be interested in helping, please stop by the library and see Imengel Mad if you can be part of the preparation for this major college occasion.

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R.O.C-Taiwan's Fleet of Friendship  
*See Pictures On Back*

## Earth Day 2002 Celebrated at PCC

PCC's main parking lot was a *tent city* last Monday, April 22, as a number of government and non-government agencies turned out in force to celebrate Earth Day 2002. With its centralized location, the college's parking lot was the ideal spot in town for the various booths and tents set up that day to display their services and disseminate Earth Day information to participants as well as to pedestrians and passing motorists.

The Earth Day booths and tents provided helpful information on everything from marine conservation practices to paper/can recycling methods to waste reduction practices. The Palau Conservation Society and the Division of Marine Resources had colorful brochures and posters about the variety of land and marine mammals and invertebrates in Palau. They were also passing out maps that show the designated conservation areas in Palau. The Division of Environmental Health & Sanitation were also at hand to provide helpful information on food handling safety to avoid illnesses and dengue fever prevention methods. The Palau Public Utilities Corporation gave out useful information on energy conservation and also provided much needed hints on how to lower your monthly energy bill. The PCC agriculture students' organic compost demonstration attracted agriculture enthusiasts who wanted to find out about the earth-friendly compost-making method. The agriculture students also sold eggs and fruits harvested from their farm.

Palau Community College is proud to have been a part of this year's earth day celebration and wishes all of the people of Palau a happy Earth Day!



PCC Agriculture Booth.

## Summer Internship Reminder

In preparation for Internship placement for Summer Semester, 2002, we need to know the number of students who will be eligible to participate in the training and their respective trade areas at this time. This will allow us time to identify and secure commitments from appropriate employers who will be providing training to our students.

To assist in this effort, Student Advisors are requested to review their advisees folders and to advise those who will be eligible to participate in the training to come to CE office and see me, Mr. Vincent Ito, and fill out the required application forms.

**APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW READY FOR PICKUP ANYTIME DURING WORKING HOURS. Deadline for submission of completed application forms is Friday, May 17, 2002.**

Internship is provided as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements on campus or at least have one remaining to be taken concurrently with the internship. It allows the students to be placed on the job in their respective field of training, working on a full time basis as an intern for one semester. The practical experience gained from the training will be counted as credits required to graduate.

Your prompt assistance and support on this matter is much appreciated.



Mindszenty High School students show their love for *mother earth*.



NEMO asks an important question.



Earth Day 2002 information booths at the college's main parking lot.

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

## RETENTION WEB PAGE

### LIBRARY NEWS

by: Library Staff

### World Health Day Fair Informative

The World Health Day Fair that was held on April 19, 2002 was very successful. Palau Community College library staff participated in the fair in which the PCC Librarian, Debra Neas served as a committee member. The fair was organized with the aim of informing the general public in all aspects of health (maternal child health, oral health, body fat & exercise, and proper diet & nutrition). The library staff worked the RADAR information booth that disseminated information about health, drugs and proper nutrition. The nutrition information included local recipes, a very much sought after information by many of the fair participants.

In other library news, the library has put through an order for new books. These are books for the general collection, kids collection, and fiction sections. Check the upcoming issues of the *Mesekiu's News* and the library bulletin board for their arrival date.

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

## Attention Students!!! Scholarship Opportunities

Palau Community College is now accepting applications for the following scholarships:

- ✓ Polycarp International Enterprise Scholarship
- ✓ Moylan's Insurance Scholarship
- ✓ Roman Tmetuchi Scholarship
- ✓ Prince Lebuu Scholarship

Application forms are now available at the PCC Development office located behind the library. For more information, please call Jay Olegeriil at 488-2471, ext. 250.

## PNYC President Thanks President Tellei for Youth Day Support

April 16, 2002

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Sixth Palau National Youth Congress and this year's Youth Day Organizing Committee, I would like to personally thank you, your management and staff of Palau Community College, for your generous contribution and support to this year's Youth Day. Enclosed herewith, is a Certificate of Appreciation to express our heartfelt appreciation for your contributions and support toward PNYC officers and members as well as all the youths of Palau.

Your contributions and support made this year's Youth Day a success not only to PNYC members, but to all the youths of our small nation. Your contribution is surely an indication of your office's commitment to the community and youths of Palau.

Again, PNYC Officers and members ask that you leave your doors open for any assistance we may approach you in the future.

Once again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Joe Aitaro  
President  
Sixth Palau National Youth Congress

The 6th Palau National Youth Congress' office is located below the PCC Recreation Office in the lower PCC campus. Stop by and visit their new office.

## Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2002

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