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# Palau Community College



# MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Weekly Newsletter

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## PTHSE Grand Opening Held



Representatives of BTA, MOE & PCC: Lucy Sugiyama, PPR(BTA): Carol Ngraidis, BTA President: Darren DeLeon, PVA Director (BTA): Sam Scott, Sam's Tours (BTA): Masa-Aki Emesiochl, Minister of Education: Dr. Teelei, PCCC President: Francesca Voght, BTA: Emery Wenty, Director of Education: Vicky Maui, PCC (BTA).

On Wednesday, May 2nd, the Palau Tourism and Hospitality School of Excellence (PTHSE) was officially opened on the campus of Palau Community College. The ceremony was graced by local and off-island

dignitaries including, His Excellency Johnson Toribiong, President of the Republic of Palau; Minister of State Dr. Victor M. Yano; and members of the diplomatic corps

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## JobSite Visit & Career / Transfer Workshop

Contributed by Tublai B. Ililau



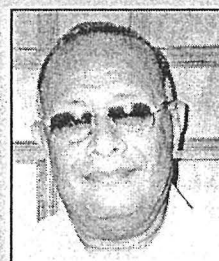
Students at Surangel Construction..

On Tuesday, May 1st 2012, 19 prospective spring and summer graduates who are majoring in Small Engine and Outboard Marine Technol-

ogy (SE), Electrical Technology(ET), General Electronics (GE), Automotive Mechanics Tech-

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## Minister Emesiochl Reappointed to BOT for 4 More Years



The presidential reappointment of Minister Masa-Aki Emesiochl has been confirmed by the Senate of the Eighth Olbiil Era

Minister Masa-Aki Kelulau, Minister Emesiochl.

Masa-Aki Emesiochl will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Trustee of the Palau Community College for another term of four years.

## Important Dates to Remember

- May 14-16, 2012 Final Exams
- May 16, 2012 Graduates' Grade Due
- May 18, 2012 Last Day to Return Spring 2012 Rental Books to the Bookstore
- May 21, 2012 Grades Due
- May 25, 2012 Commencement Exercises

*Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of the students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.*

# Students Create Poetry

Contributed by Midori Mersai

In EN 202 class (Introduction to Children's Literature), students delved into their creative imagination and crafted their very own poems based on "wise sayings" or "cholachitnger."

**Quote:** *Gobe wowo tefale rele mwiriile, Wamwe rele yatela go yei, Yatemaglile mena gotipeli lane, Malewacamwo ila nge gotewai, tore shape lane yamwe teterage, Be mena go change ngalii ila, Yetawai riige log be geele mene, Gobe fare tagola iga gotaguila, Gateragiile wamwe ye broth*

English Translation: If someone was trying to dream big or trying to reach a goal, they should always be precarious as they journey toward their destination because if you are careless you may stumble and fall. Dreams will always be there, you just have to chase them.

**By: Lawrence Tiwelital**  
Hold your feet on the ground  
And try reaching for the stars  
For the stars will always be  
But you might fall  
For not holding your feet  
On the ground

**Quote:** *A ungil merreder a ua chull, el melemedm er a daob*

English Translation: A good leader is like rain, calming the sea. Meaning: A rain following an ocean storm often seems to wipe away the wind and still the ocean. Similarly, a good leader should be able to quiet the problems of his people.

**By: J. Moses**  
Storm  
Rain falls upon the ocean storm  
Soothes the wind and stills the water.  
Rainbow appears above thee that bears the  
beauty in the sky.  
Rain, rain, oh how soft and strong you are  
You calm my worries and show me love.

**Quote:** *Mechut e Dil*

English Translation: Capable or able

**By: T.A**  
Her looks simple  
Nary a Sparkle  
Seemingly unable  
Unwelcome at your table  
Dismissed by a glance  
Asking for no chance  
Tells her tales  
In all she hails

Students picked a quote from one of these sayings and wrote a poem relating to it. They all did a great job and, as their instructor, I'm proud to present their poetry (first part):

**Quote:** *Ng kora eberdord el di ngii el melul erengii ra ngau*

English Translation: Like a firefly that burns itself in the fire  
Meaning: Person who knows of difficulties in situations

**By: G. Setts**  
A child grows in a Christian environment  
later became...  
An outgoing child, so open and curious,  
can't hold back his/her interest  
Uninvited to growth not of his age  
So stubborn.  
Taking interest in things, moves not  
appropriate for his age  
By peers, later influenced, in different  
types of situations  
Without noticing, leads to difficult situations  
As the FIREFLY

**Quote:** *A sekukokl el sechou a medinges*

English Translation: The early bird catches the worm. Meaning: One who gets up early always gets everything done quickly within that day and therefore will receive whatever reward there is, depending on the quality of the work.

**By: Darlene Sintaro**  
Up comes the sun  
A crane wakes and stretches  
Up comes the sun  
A worm slithers slowly apace  
At the crack of light  
The crane strikes  
At the crack of light  
The worm dies

**Quote:** *A mesei a delal a telid*

English Translation: The taro patch is the mother of our breath. Meaning: Taro is one of the most important sources of food for us Palauans

**By: Journey Teruzi**  
Plant today  
Taro for everyday,  
Taro is my life  
From the soil  
One can boil  
A hope for tomorrow  
A healthy nation  
With no need to borrow  
From any creation

## JobSite cont'd from p.1

nology (AM), and Construction Technology (CT) went on a JobSite Visit to Surangel Mercury, Palau Public Utilities Corporation, Palau Equipment Company, Inc., and Surangel Construction. The purpose of the JobSite Visit was to provide our prospective graduates with an opportunity to visit job sites that are in line with their majors. The exposure was to provide them with a firsthand experience of the kind of jobs that are available. After the visit the students had lunch and participated in a career/transfer workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to provide our prospective graduates with the available options after their graduation from PCC, be it joining the workforce or transferring to a 4-year institution.

One of our most motivational speakers was Mr. Lee Otobed from Surangel Construction. The students were captivated and enthused by the way he shared his work, life, and educational experiences with them. Mr. Otobed used one of our students Romsey Remoket, who was interning with them as an example of how one can excel in the industry by working hard in his field. He also expressed how communication has become one of the most fundamental skills in his line of work that is most crucial to ensure the success of their projects. He explained that although it is important to have the ability to read he believes that one should not only read to memorize but be able to understand and explain what he or she read. One of the most important things that he shared with the students is the difference between having a job and having a career. He was able to explain clearly to our students that a career is something that you will spend your whole lifetime doing because it is something that you love. He stressed the importance of completing one's education, in order to achieve a particular dream career.



Students at PPUC site in Malakal.

## BITS AND PIECES...

### INTERNSHIP

#### ATTENTION ALL 2nd Year Students

Application forms for Internship Program are ready for pickup anytime during working hours from Monday to Friday.

**Deadline: May 16, 2012  
(Wednesday)**

### SCHOLARSHIP

Huayu (Mandarin)  
Enrichment Scholarship

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)  
Republic of China (ROC)

Learn Mandarin (Chinese Language)  
Application Deadline: May 18, 2012

APPLICATION available @ Development Office

### Funeral Announcement

*Mr. Koska Matteu, a Chuukese national who resided in Palau for almost 50 years passed away on Tuesday, May 07, 2012 at the Belau National Hospital.*

*His funeral will be held on Friday, May 11, 2012 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Osiaol on the compound of the Catholic Mission.*

### Condolence Messages

*The College family wishes to express deepest sympathy to the families of the Endowment Fund donors who have passed away:*

Mashion Mongami - 2006-2012

Dalio Gabriel - 2008 -2012

Kazue Techitong - over the years

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

### News/Stories Wanted

SEKIU'S NEWS welcomes stories/ articles/ announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Monday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and electronic copies to [adoraa@palau.edu](mailto:adoraa@palau.edu), [dilubchs@palau.edu](mailto:dilubchs@palau.edu) and [alvinam@palau.edu](mailto:alvinam@palau.edu).

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

## PTHSE cont'd from p.1

consisting of Her Excellency Helen Reed-Rowe of the United States of America; Her Excellency Maggie Tai-Ching Tien of the Republic of China; His Excellency Martin Quinn of Australia and Second Secretary Juergen Schrod of the Republic of Germany.

Following an opening prayer by Pastor Hiob Ngirachemoi, PCC President Dr. Tellei welcomed and introduced everyone. In his remarks, Dr. Tellei gave a brief history of the school, including the early collaboration between PCC and Palau Pacific Resort to provide trainings for PCC students in the Tourism and Hospitality program, the joint efforts of Belau Tourism Association (BTA), Ministry of Education, and PCC to establish a school to serve as training ground for students in the tourism industry, and fundraising campaign leading to converting an old dormitory building into a state-of-the-art training facility. He thanked all the donors (see list on p.3) and recognized the persistent efforts of BTA in making PTHSE a reality.

In their separate special remarks, the donor countries all congratulated the college and the Republic for their vision and determi-

nation to support Palau's most promising industry. Ambassador Tien remarked that "Excellence" is a drive from within, not from outside as expounded by a sculptor who was determined to carve a perfect statue to his satisfaction even when the imperfections are not visible to the others. Ambassador Quinn noted that the successful completion of the PTHSE is a good example of cooperation between different parties toward a common goal that will benefit the people and the community. President Toribiong thanked all the donor countries as well as local donors and expressed his pleasure that the school will prepare locals to effectively market Palau and further boost the tourism industry.

The PTHSE currently houses PCC's Tourism and Hospitality program and has 80 students in Tour Services, Food & Beverages, and Hotel & Management Operations. It is also utilized to conduct tourism and hospitality trainings, including AliiHost.

The Tourism and Hospitality faculty and students prepared and served refreshments and also led the tour of the facility immediately following the ceremony.

## List of Donors to Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence

Republic of China	\$300,000.00	Duty Free Shoppers, Ltd.	\$800.00
Australia (AusAid)	\$185,000.00	Bank of Guam	\$500.00
Australia	\$25,000.00	Carol Ngiraidis	\$500.00
(AusAid small grant scheme)		Palau Visitor's Authority (PVA)	\$500.00
Belau Tourism Association (BTA)	\$14,000.00	Palau Beach Bungalows	\$500.00
Palau Community College (PCC)	\$10,000.00	Dirrauchuladokow Basilia R. U. Tellei	\$250.00
Palau Community College	\$10,000.00	Ngarachamayong Inc.	\$250.00
Palau Pacific Resort (PPR)	\$10,000.00	Danka Ledgerwood	\$200.00
German Grant	\$8,970.00	Mr. Alex Lai (Sea Passion)	\$200.00
(alternative energy for heating water)		James Panos	\$125.00
CTSI Logistics	\$2,000.00	Rober Sansone	\$125.00
Surangel & Sons, Co	\$2,000.00	Carolyn Ngiraidis	\$100.00
Palau Sea Ventures	\$1,500.00	Fr. Rusk Saburo (Catholic Church)	\$100.00
Blue Bay Petroleum	\$1,000.00	Francis Remengesau	\$100.00
Deloitte & Touche (Palau)	\$1,000.00	Palau Beach Bungalows	\$100.00
Mr. & Mrs. Sho Suzuki	\$1,000.00	(Dr. Patrick U. Tellei)	
(Japan Embassy)		Palau Red Cross Society	\$100.00
Mr. Kuniwo Nakamura	\$1,000.00	Governor Steven Salii	\$40.00
(Japan Embassy)			

**Total \$576,860.00**

## ALUMNI NOTES

### Class of 1988 & 1991 (MOC)

Stanley Ngircheungel



Earned his Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Electrical Technology and his Associate of Science (AS) degree in General Electronic Technology. Worked at PPR, then relocated to Saipan where he worked at PIC for 4 yrs, then at Department of Correction from 2000-1010. Currently, he is at Bureau

of Public Safety. *Message: Study hard & get your degree. It's what you need to get a good job.*

### Class of 1989 (MOC)

Wendina Sikyang



Earned her Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk. Worked in Saipan at San Antonio Elementary School as Administrative Assistant from 1992 -2011. She is currently working as Administrative Assistant at MOE in the Bureau of Curriculum/ Instruction. *Message: Encourage your child to further his/her education at PCC, since we have a great school on island. Stay in school. Education is never ending.*

### Class of 1997

Shielly "Shelly" Termetet



Earned her Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk and Secretarial Science. She worked at Arnold Oilouch Law Firm for 12 years as Secretary/ Clerk and then moved to Koror State Government in 2009 to work as a Secretary. *Message: Mo blak a reng-miu el ngara skool.*

**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

Damiana Kunihiro	May 18
Adora Nobuo	May 19
Aurora Del Rosario	May 20
Akiko Udui	May 20



Happy Birthday To You!

## Surangel & Sons Donates to Cafe

The PCC Cafeteria staff would like to thank Surangel & Sons Co. for the donation of 10 cases assorted vegetables on April 25, 2012.

## Japanese Government Scholarships

One for Undergraduate students  
One for Specialized Training College

Deadline: May 31, 2012

Stop by Development Office for information or to pick up an application form.

## JOIN THE ENDOWMENT FUND TODAY!

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Our Students, Our College, and Our Nation

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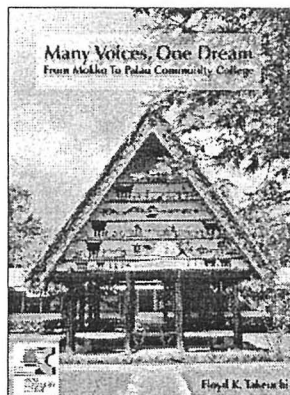
website: [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu)

### NEW BOOK

*Many Voices, One Dream*

From Mokko to Palau Community College

By Floyd Takuchi



Available at PCC Bookstore!

Retail Price: \$35.00

Call 680-488-2470 for more information.  
Online information at: [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu)

To purchase a copy, pay at the Business Office and bring receipt to the Bookstore to receive a copy of the book.

### Vacancy Announcement

- (1) English Instructor, Learning Resource Center  
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (2) Math Instructor, Learning Resource Center  
Salary range: \$14,802 - \$24,647 per annum
- (3) Counselor, Student Life Office  
Salary range: \$12,650 - \$19,479 per annum
- (4) CHL Palau Outreach Educator  
Salary range: \$12,653 - \$21,000 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) Accounting Technician (Payroll)  
Salary range: \$9,913.00 - \$16,954 per annum
- (8) Librarian  
Salary range: \$16,010 - \$24,647 per annum
- (9) Associate Professor, Business Accounting  
Salary range: \$18,009 - \$27,725 per annum
- (10) Associate Professor, Library & Information Serv.  
Salary range: \$18,009 - \$27,725 per annum

For application forms and information, please contact Karen Mobel at PCC Human Resources Office at 488-2470/71, ext. 227, email [hr@palau.edu](mailto:hr@palau.edu) or download form at [www.palau.edu](http://www.palau.edu)

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