

Agriculture Experience at Nekken Farm



Mr. Hseu Ming-Lii instructs PCC Agriculture students at Nekken Farm

What is the best way to learn? We can surely all agree that hands-on and practical experience is the best, but it is not always available. Limited resources and limited time often prevent teachers from giving students all the practical experience they would like to provide. We are always grateful when someone offers to provide more practical experience for our students.

The Agricultural Science Program wishes to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Hseu Ming-Lii and all the staff of the Technical Mission of the Republic of China. Last week, from Monday morning through Thursday afternoon, Mr. Hseu and his staff provided an outstanding practical learning experience for 6 PCC Agriculture students at the Nekken Farm. The students gained farm-scale experience in all aspects of fruit and vegetable production, including operation of farm machinery. All of the students were very pleased with the experience. They said it gave them a chance to put what they have learned at PCC into practice on a larger scale. The students have a small farm on the PCC campus, but this is the first opportunity they have had to work on a full-sized farm. Also, class time is always limited, so this experience allowed them to learn what it is like to really work on a farm all day, every day. They learned to admire and appreciate the work of Palau's farmers, who provide all of us with the food we depend on. Thank you Mr. Hseu and your staff!

The students who participated in this activity were Presley Andrew, Elorean Mabel, Maxson Nithan, Everson Sadang, Weiling Sked, and Dickson Waguk. They were accompanied by PCC instructor, Shiomi Hata.

MORE ROP EMPLOYEES JOIN PCC ENDOWMENT FUND CLUB

The College continues to enroll new members to the PCC Endowment Fund Club. These generous individuals donate to PCC and then at the end of the year, apply for a 100% refund for their donations. This week we are excited to see that more employees of the national government are enrolling in this program to support Palau's only college, PCC.

At the Environmental Quality Protection Board, we welcome two (2) new members, **Lily R. Goodall** (Class of '87-Cert. in Gen. Office Clerk and AS degree in Sec. Science) and **Denicio Mariur**. In the Ministry of Education's Palau High School, we welcome six (6) new members, **Cynthia K. Malsol**, **Dixon Ngiraked**, **Kate Weers**, **Raymond Roman**, **Perry Hideos** (Class of '95-Cert. in Carpentry), and **Clare Saburo**. From the Ministry of Justice, we see four (4) new members, **Melvin Ubedei**, **Olivia I. Orak**, **Earlee Decherong**, and **Valentine Tirso**. We also see current member **Mr. Engelbert Mabel** increase his bi-weekly donation. At the Ministry of Resources and Development, we welcome three (3) new members, **Richard Demei**, **Ezra Yaoch**, and **Joyce Ngirarorou**. At the Ministry of Commerce and Trade's Palau International Airport complex, we also welcome six (6) new members, **Francisca Ngireblekuu**, **Jesse Ngiraboi**, **West Morland Naruo**, **Kurt Rehuher** (Class of '91-AS degree in Gen. Elect. Tech.), **Kaleb Ngirngebedangel**, and **Toshikatsu Baules**.

PCC welcomes everyone to the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Thank you for showcasing your commitment to the continued existence of Palau's only institution of higher learning. 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!



MOJ staff Valentine Tirso, Olivia Orak, Melvin Ubedei and Earlee Decherong



EQPB staff Denicio Mariur and Lily R. Goodall



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MRD Joyce Ngirarorou



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10 PCC Staff Obtain Masters

Last Friday saw the successful holding of the College's 40th Commencement Exercises. The College graduated one hundred thirty-six (136) students who either obtained certificates of achievement or associate degrees. The PCC Adult High School also gave diplomas to thirty (30) very excited students, most of whom plan to pursue higher education. However, it was the eighteen (18) masters degree candidates who, when they were called upon to be hooded, received the loudest cheer from the audience.

Of the 18 masters degree graduates, 10 of them are PCC staff and the College is very much proud of them for this achievement, especially when they maintained their full-time jobs while pursuing their degrees. These students enrolled in the San Diego State University Masters Degree program in Education (with emphasis on Educational Leadership) offered to Palau which started in January 2000. The program required the students to take 10 courses which included face to face interaction as well as on-line lectures and relevant coursework. The program culminated with the graduates taking a comprehensive exam and conducting scientific research projects, many of which are now available at the PCC Library for individuals who are interested in reading them.

The eighteen graduates of the SDSU master's degree in education program are: Maurine Alexander (PCC), Clara Maile Andreas (Min. of Education), Huan F. Hosei (PCC), Theodoro 'Ted' Borja (Min. of Education), Baskasio Oiterong (PCC), Faith Kloulubak (Min. of Education), Jay G. Olegeriil (PCC), Cynthia Kenrad Malsol (Min. of Education), Vernice Rechebei (PCC), Regina Mesebeluu (Min. of Education), Wilma Sukrad (PCC), Sinton Soalablai (Min. of Education), Tchuzie Tadao (PCC), Faith Swords (Min. of Education), Thomas Taro (PCC), Roland Tangelbad (Min. of Education), Marianne Temaungil (PCC), and Alvina Timarong (PCC).



Masters degree candidates from left are Jay Olegeriil, Vernice Rechebei, Sinton Soalablai, Wilma Sukrad, and Tchuzie Tadao at their graduation ceremony held in conjunction with PCC's 40th Commencement Exercises

Palau Gets Informed About SARS

The Palau Health Educational Committee on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome - commonly known as SARS - has released information on just what this is and ways to prevent it from spreading. According to the committee, signs of SARS include fever, headache, body aches, respiratory symptoms, etc. SARS is caused by a species of CORONA virus that was previously unrecognized. It started in November 2002 in China, then spread to Hong Kong and from there to other countries.

SARS is transferred through droplets, and is spread by person to person contact. Droplets mean fluid transfers such

as mucus, saliva or spit, mist from coughing or sneezing, and diarrheal fluids. There is no strong evidence that it is spread through aerosol (air).

Palau, through an executive order signed by President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., has imposed restrictions on travel to and from World Health Organization (WHO) labeled SARS affected areas.

Currently, there is no known effective drug for SARS. There is also no vaccine for SARS. Therefore, prevention is the best treatment. The Committee recommends the following prevention measures against being infected with SARS: Do not travel to SARS affected areas; Keep

away from SARS infected individuals; Wash your hands frequently; Stay informed about SARS; and, Do not panic. Remember, staying about four to five feet away from a SARS infected individual and practicing good hand-washing techniques is safe. To get information about SARS, contact the SARS hotline 488-2558, Public Health-CDC at 488-2552, Outpatient at 488-2555, Infection Control at 488-2252, SARS Education Cmtee. at 488-2552, or Division of Environmental Health at 488-6073. Or, visit the Centers For Disease Control website, <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/qa/cause.htm> or the WHO website, <http://www.who.int/csr/sars/travel/2003>.

Celebrating Birthdays

Ayano Baules* June 5
* = Retired
Happy Birthday To You!!!

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Some of PCC's 2003 Graduates...



Adult High School Graduates pose for a photo prior to the graduation ceremony



Elilai Bullis (r) receives valedictory award from ROP Vice President Sandra S. Pierantozzi, who was the Commencement Speaker at this year's ceremony



2003 PCC Graduates Mr. Edwin Yairegsiug (l) and Xavier Sugwemal are all smiles after receiving their congratulatory leis from relatives and friends who attended their graduation



Beau (l) and his friends get loose



Outstanding Students for 2003!



PCC graduates do have the greatest smiles!



Linus Goray and Henaro Ngrairillid graduated with honors!



Automotive Mech. Technology graduates are



These graduates are already enjoying their graduation day!

TOEFL TESTING DATES 2003-2004

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Rec't. Date at TOEFL Office)	Score Report Mailing Date
Oct. 18, 2003	August 29, 2003	November 26, 2003
May 15, 2004	March 29, 2004	June 23, 2004

- The Test of Written English (TWE) is given with the TOEFL test. It is a 30-minute writing test that is required of everyone taking the paper-based test. The TWE score is reported separately and is not added to the TOEFL score.

- Testing and Service Fees - \$130.00

- There are two ways to register for the test.

1. Online Registration - Those with American Express, VISA, JCB, Mastercard, and Discover credit cards may register for the test at the TOEFL Web site (www.toefl.org), or see Karen Mobel at Human Resources Development for an arrangement to use PCC credit card.

2. Mail-in Registration - You may obtain the TOEFL Bulletin from Myorang Besebes at the PCC Student Life Office.

For information about TOEFL registration and testing, contact Marenia Edward at PCC telephone (680) 488-3036.

CE Summer Activities For YOU!

ACTIVITY	DATE
Math Training for Nursing Asst. & Allied Health Program	May 12-June 12, 2003
Pesticide Training	June 2003
Regional Mentor Training	June 4 & 5, 2003
CE Summer Kids Program	June 9-July 4, 2003
PNCC Photoshop Training	June 16-20, 2003
Bio-Terrorism Training	June 16-20, 2003
First Responder Training	June 16-27, 2003
UOG Challenge Grant	June & July 2003
2nd Family History Class	July 2, 2003
PFFA Training	July 29-August 9, 2003

The above trainings are just some of the scheduled training programs for this summer. The PCC Continuing Education is still open for registration in any other program that participants are interested in. The minimum number of participants is ten in order for any class to start. For more information, please call Ms. Eileen Babauta or Ms. Taruu Nakamura at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 237 or 238, or 488-6223.

BITS AND PIECES...

Monday Is President's Day

Next week Monday June 2nd is a national holiday, President's Day. In recognition of this holiday, PCC offices will be closed and only essential services will be provided. Enjoy the holiday one and all. However, all students are reminded that the next day June 3rd, is the first day of instruction for the Summer session for both PCC programs and the Adult High School program.

Self Study/Accreditation Update

All this week, the College's Self Study Steering Committee has been meeting daily to review the second draft of the Descriptive Summary of the College's Self Study Report. After the review, the committee's comments and recommendations for changes and/or further study will be passed on to each standard team for appropriate action. Once the third and final draft of the Descriptive Summary has been forwarded to the Steering Committee, each standard team will then focus on putting together its Appraisal section of the report, although some of the teams have forged ahead with this second phase of the Report. Once again, everyone is to be commended for working hard on their respective assignments in preparing the Report.

While the summer is fast approaching and the majority of the College's faculty are due to go on their annual vacations, we are quite confident that they will make arrangements to ensure their input into the final Report. In the meantime, let's continue working hard to ensure a product that will accurately reflect where the College stands in relation to the four standards. Finally, if anyone has questions about the PCC Self Study Accreditation Process, please do not hesitate to contact Presley Etibek, Accreditation Liaison Officer, or Ms. Marianne Temaungil at PCC telephone number 488-2471, extension numbers 249 and 256 respectively.

ETS Anticipates Busy June

Judging from the calendar of activities that has come out, it looks like the Educational Talent Search (ETS) program will have quite a busy summer. Here are some of the activities that will take place:

- May 31, 2003 (Saturday) - 6th Grade Cultural Trip to Dolphin Bay
- June 6, 2003 (Friday) - High Schools Campus Visits (PHS, MHS, EHS, and PMA) for 7th and 8th graders
- June 9, 2003 (Monday) - High Schools Campus Visits (BMS and BHS) for 7th and 8th graders
- June 11, 2003 (Wednesday) - College Campus Visits and Financial Aid Workshop for Juniors and Seniors
- June 13, 2003 (Friday) - Cultural Trip to Melekeok for Seniors

For information about the PCC ETS, its programs and services, contact telephone 488-2471, extension 230 or 488-3926.

PCC LIBRARY TURNS BACK TIME!!

Written by: Imengel Mad, Library Technician

Have you ever wondered how Koror looked 50+ years ago? As you sit and listen to your parents, grandparents or any *rubak* or *mechas* telling stories during their adolescent years, it may be quite hard to imagine the scenery of Koror then. Well, now you can begin to see some real pictures of Koror at the time -- Japanese Era, or you might even want to go a little bit further down the history path to the German Era. You may access these pictures from the comfort of your own desk. As mentioned in our previous article regarding the Palau Community College-Belau National Museum IMLS Project, the PCC Library has cataloged all the images that have been uploaded to our server from the BNM Image collection. You may access these images through our College website: <http://www.palau.edu>. If you are on the College network, click on the campus link to access the WebCollection Plus and if you are outside of the College network, click on the Internet link. Once you get in the WebCollection Plus you may search using title, keyword, author, etc.

Are you curious to see what the present OEK building used to look like? Or the former Koror State Office? Check out the present Medalaii road by the Courthouse. Tip: type in **pcc-bnm imls project** then click on **series** and choose any image you want to access or type in **medalaii, koror** then click **title**. Once you access the full catalog of the image, click on the first electronic access link (for College network) or second electronic access link (for outside of the College network) to access the image.

The PCC Library welcomes everyone to our Library, and we are more than happy to assist any individual to access these images as well as provide them with services they may need.

Thank You Library Donors

The PCC Library would like to express our big 'thank you' to the following donors who have donated reading materials and collections that will be of great interest and value to our customers:

- **Francesca K. Remengesau** - A copy of her thesis, 'A History of the Palau Community Association of Guam, 1948-1997'
- **Masaharu Tmodrang**, who donated a box of reading materials and is a perpetual donor to the Library.
- **Ms. Nancy Chism** and **Ms. Beverly Green** for donating reading materials.

Here is where people, one frequently finds, lower their voices and raise their minds -- Richard Armour
Check out your PCC Library!!!

Did You Know...

- ...that the PCC Library Kids' Corner hosts the READ ALOUD Program for children?
- ...that the PCC Library has a Micronesia Pacific Collection that boasts of an extensive array of resource materials on the Pacific?
- ...that the PCC Library is the most extensive of its kind in Palau?
- ...that the PCC Library is open seven days a week?

PCC Library Hours
Monday - Friday 8am - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 12noon - 6pm