

Alumni Notes

Class of 2005 (PCC)

Ines Kintoki -



2005 PCC graduate with an Associate Science (AS) degree in Office Administration (OA). Kintoki works at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (P.I.C.R.C.) as an Assistant Education Officer.

Officer.

Class of 2001 (PCC)

Dudley Ililau -



2001 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Electronics Technology (GE). Ililau works at the Palau National Communications Corporation (P.N.C.C.) as a Technician. Ililau, like many of his colleagues at P.N.C.C. donates on a bi-weekly basis to the PCC Endowment Fund.

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Class of 1988 (MOC)

Jinny Erungel -



1988 MOC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Police Science (PS). Erungel is a customer service agent at Palau National Communications Corporation (P.N.C.C.)

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showcases MOC&PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni 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*.

Celebrating Birthdays

Don Hanser	July 17
Jalavenda Osima	July 20
Grace Merong	July 22
Rehabeam Madlutk	July 23

Happy Birthday To You!

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SLAM-azing Dunk!!!



PCC Student Bija Jesse goes for a slam dunk during a recent intramural basketball game at the Mesekiu basketball court.

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the new program.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Palau Tourism and Hospitality School of Excellence may contact:

Vicki Maui at telephone number 488-6008.

International Youth Ambassadors Interactive Program Kicks Off

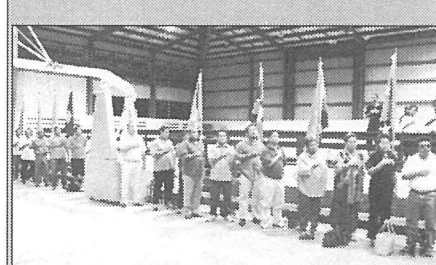
By: Elliot Benzle, Mesekiu's News work-study student writer

Summer students at PCC may have noticed an influx of Taiwanese wandering the campus. These six students and one teacher are part of a new program being implemented this summer called the International Youth Ambassadors Interactive Program. The program began on July 6th and will end on July 24th.

The students are accompanied by teacher Jenny Wang, and are from Fu Jen Catholic University located in Sinjhuang City, Taipei County. The students vary in age from 19 to 24, and are enrolled at the University or have recently graduated. They all have immense passion and are helping to solidify the bond between Taiwan and Palau. Students Wu Chia Hui and Jian I Peng are both excited to be here and commented, "We hope we can come back next year."

The Taiwanese ambassadors are accompanied by 20 Pala High School

Belau Games Kick-Off



Opening ceremony held at the Palau National Gym officially marks the beginning of the Belau Games 2009. For schedules and game results, go to www.oceaniaisport.com+palau+/

students lead by teacher Villiany Thomas. The Palauan students serve as mentors to the Taiwanese students and also learn from the experience. The students share in a variety of courses including culture, language, beliefs, math, sports and computer skills. On the weekends, the group has been getting out to see some of Palau's sites; Jellyfish lake, Shark Island and the Milky Way are on the list of places they've already visited. Each Tuesday the students go around Palau to participate in community service activities. Last week they planted lemon trees in Melekeok state and this week they plan to paint the school in Airai.

The IYAIP is sponsored by the ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China, and co-organized by the Republic of Palau-Ministry of Education and Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan. This is the first year for the program but plans are already in the works to continue the program far into the future.

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Australia Gives \$185,000 to Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence

By: Elliot Benzle, Mesekiu's News work-study student writer



A 3-D computer drawing of the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence. The building will be in the dormitory area, where the old dorm "D" is located.

On July 7th the Australian government through its AusAid program presented Republic of Palau President Johnson Toribiong with a donation of US \$185,000 for the development of the Palau Tourism and Hospitality School of Excellence. The donation ceremony which took place at the Palau Pacific Resort saw Duncan Kerr, the Australian Parliamentary Secretary for the Pacific Island Affairs formally present the check to President Toribiong.

fill in the numerous professional careers in the local tourism industry.

The Australian donation will be added to the current donations of \$40,000 while fund-raising work continues at raising the \$750,000 needed for the new school.

Upward Bound Holds Banquet for Graduating Seniors

By: Elliot Benzle, Mesekiu's News work-study student writer

This Wednesday at 10am, the Upward Bound senior students had their banquet/graduation ceremony at the PCC cafeteria. The hall was packed with 108 UB students, their family members, teachers, school staff and supporters.

The ceremony began with a prayer and a guitar rendition of the National Anthem. Among the speakers was president Tellei who inspired the new graduates to strive

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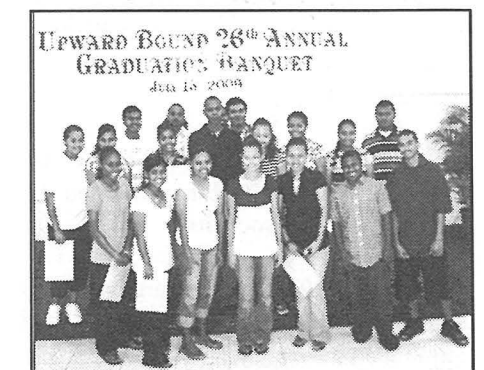
Taiwan Students in the International Youth Ambassadors Interactive Program (See Story on Back Cover).

Fund-raising work began earlier this year for the Palau Tourism and Hospitality School of Excellence which will be built on the ground of Palau Community, and will augment the existing Tourism & Hospitality program at Palau Community College. This new addition to the PCC campus has been a longtime dream of our very own Vicki Maui, associate

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Australian Ambassador Duncan Kerr addressing the gathering at PPR prior to the handing over of the Aus Aid donation of US\$185,000 for the Palau Tourism & Hospitality School of Excellence. PCC Board of Trustees Vice Chair Masa-Aki Emesiochl (r) and Bilung Gloria G. Sali (not pictured) attended on behalf of the College.



Upward Bound Program graduating seniors.

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for greater achievements. After the ceremony, a hearty lunch was provided by the PCC cafeteria.

Twenty students graduated in this year's class although one student couldn't attend the ceremony due to preparation for enrollment at Chaminade University in Hawaii. The 19 students who attended the graduation ceremony are currently enrolled in summer classes at PCC and have also pre-registered to take classes this coming fall semester.

The Upward Bound program has been a part of PCC since 1983. It has become a sought after program for serious students



UB student Seth Techilong (2nd-left) receives his certificate of completion from President Tellei as UB Director Kuye Belelau (l) and high school principals look on.

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professor of Tourism & Hospitality, who also attended the PPR ceremony with PCC board members. Maui said that they have received other significant local and off island donations, and after the donation from Australia, they are very close to confirming the groundbreaking date which should happen before the end of the year. According to Maui, the building will be constructed on the site of the old "D" dormitory and will contain everything necessary for the hands-on training of the students in the PCC Tourism and Hospitality program. The completed facility should total over 9,800 square feet of floor space, with the bottom floor containing a fully functional kitchen/restaurant and top floor housing a concierge area and suite. The building will also contain a small office and two classrooms for formal lecture and training.

The driving forces behind the project are PCC, the Ministry of Education and the Belau Tourism Association.

On January 29th the three organizations signed a Memorandum of Agreement, and simultaneously launched a fund-raising drive and a public campaign to promote



Upward Bound Program Director Kuye Belelai (right-front) and her staff are joined by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (5th-left), other PCC officials, and high school principals for a group photo after Wednesday morning's Upward Bound banquet.

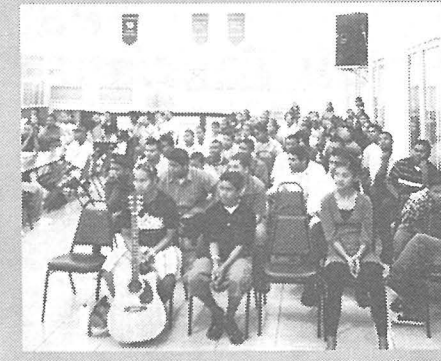
who want to continue their education after completing high school. The program encourages its students to enroll at PCC and most of them do.



Parents and well wishers crowd the cafeteria to witness the banquet.



President Tellei (r) and Vice President Thomas Taro are joined by local high school principals for lunch after the ceremony.



Upward Bound underclassmen worked with staff to plan and organize the banquet for the graduating seniors.

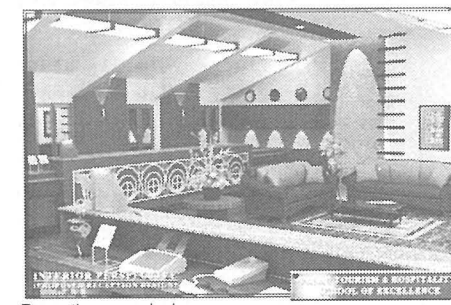
Faculty Members in Guam for Literacy Skills Class



(l-r): Judy Torres, Midori Mersai, Dr. Catherine Stoicovy, Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera, Rose Aliven-Kohama, and Derbei Meyar.

Three faculty members Midori Mersai, Rose Aliven-Kohama, and Derbei Meyar left over the weekend for Guam to attend a three-day class titled: Scaffolding Academic Literacy Skills for Asian-Pacific Islanders at the Post-Secondary Level.

The course which helps teachers enhance their teaching ability uses the blended course delivery method- a combination of face-to-face and online methods. Drs. Catherine Stoicovy and Matilda Naputi Rivera taught the course.



Reception area design



Restaurant design



Suite design

BITS AND PIECES...

ESSAY CONTEST

For Students and Faculty...

The Sir John M. Templeton Fellowships Essay Contest for junior faculty and students in higher education is held every year, and the submission deadline is May 3, 2010. Winners will be announced in October, 2010. The 2010 Templeton Fellowships will be awarded for the best essay on the topic:

Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget the state wants to live at the expense of everyone.

Frederic Bastiat (1801-1850)

Assuming Bastiat is correct, what ideas or reforms could be developed that would make people better aware that government wants to live at their expense?

Students:	Junior Faculty Members
First Prize: \$2,500	First Prize: \$10,000
Second Prize: \$1,500	Second Prize: \$7,500
Third prize: \$1,000	Third Prize: \$4,000

For details and guidelines please visit <http://www.independent.org/students/essay/> or stop by the Development Office.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

CSO Active in Fundraising...

CSO held a successful garage sale fundraiser on July 12-13 at the PCC main parking lot.

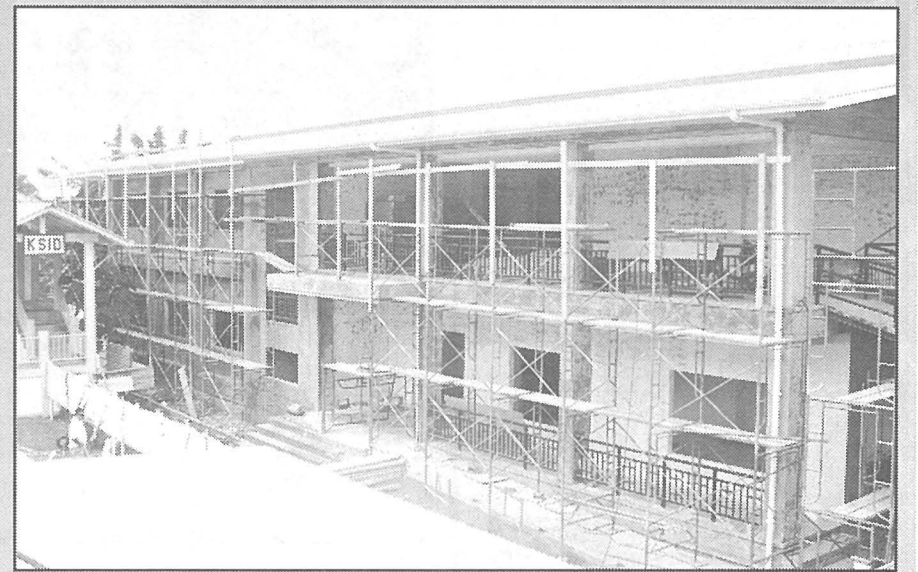
The group was fortunate to receive in-kind donations from faculty members as well as private citizens. Instructor Elizabeth deJong, Palau National Olympic Committee head Baklai Temengil, and Elma Rubeang were among those who donated items. Thank you all and also to all those who stopped by to make purchases.

According to club, the money raised will be used to further enhance the student organization for the benefit of all Chuukese students at PCC.

In other CSO happenings, the PCC Chuukese graduates who are still in Palau to complete their internship would like to take this opportunity to convey their humble thanks to PCC faculty and staff, their supporting friends, and their current intern supervisors at their respective sites.

Thank you very much!

198 Days Into 270 Days of Construction of the New PCC Library



With just a little over two months left on the construction schedule, workers are now focusing on interior/exterior details of the three story library building.

Institutional Effectiveness Training

By: Dr. Kenneth Gonzalez
CE Training Room, July 27 July 31, 2009

DAYS/DATE	ACTIVITY	ATTENDEES
Monday July 27, 2009	9:00 - 10:00 am	Meeting w/ Dr. Gonzalez President Tellei & EXCOM Members Dean Timarong, Associate Dean Daniel
	10:00 - 11:30 am	Meeting w/ Dr. Gonzalez
	11:30 - 12:30 pm	LUNCH
	01:00 - 02:30 pm	Meeting w/ Dr. Gonzalez Dean Edward, Directors Olikong, Katosang, Rechebei & Registrar Dean Wally & Key Staff
	02:30 - 4:00 pm	Meeting with Dr. Gonzalez
Tuesday, July 28, 2009	08:30 - 10:00 am	SLO's and Assessment Director Olikong & Counselors Director Katosang & Staff
	10:30 - 12:00 noon	SLO's and Assessment
	12:00 - 01:00 pm	LUNCH
	01:30 - 03:00 pm	SLO's and Assessment Director Rechebei & Staff IRAA Nino Pate
	03:30 - 04:30 pm	Meeting w/ Dr. Gonzalez
Wednesday, July 29, 2009	08:00 - 05:00 pm	Focus Group Training Designated Faculty/Staff/ Students
Thursday, July 30, 2009	08:00 - 05:00 pm	Focus Group Training Designated Faculty/Staff/ Students
Friday, July 31, 2009	08:30 - 09:30 am	Meeting w/ Dr. Gonzalez Director Rimirch & Systems Analyst Alexander

Dr. Kenneth Gonzalez's visit next week will be to conduct follow-up work on the Student Learning Outcome seminar he conducted back in early January. He will also train selected faculty, staff, and students on the organization and utilization of focus groups. For questions, contact Dean Marensia Edward at ext 229.