

## Attention all Second Year Students and their Advisors

In preparation for internship placement for Fall Semester 2001, we need to know the number of students who will be eligible for the internship program. To assist in this effort, Students Advisors are requested to advise and refer those eligible students to the Extension Program Coordinator, Vincent Ito at the Continuing Education Office.

Internship application forms can be obtained anytime during working hours at the Continuing Education Office. Deadline for submission of application forms is Friday, August 2, 2001 in order for students to be considered for internship placement.

The Internship program is a 4-credit course provided as a final requirement for students who have completed all their course requirements or at least have one remaining class to be taken concurrently with the Internship training.

For more information, contact the Extension Program Coordinator, Vincent Ito at 488-2471, ext. 238.

### Celebrating Birthdays



Grace Merong July 22  
Takemura Erungel July 25

Happy Birthday to you!!!

## Youngsters Show Interest in Agriculture



Four bright young gentlemen stopped by to visit the PCC Agricultural Science Program on Monday, July 16. The elementary-aged kids wanted to learn more about the agriculture program and specifically the chickens and their rearing methods. Instructor Joel Miles happily took them around the farm and showed them how the chickens are raised. He also showed the kids how to feed the chickens and collect and clean chicken eggs. Instructor Miles welcomes everyone with similar interest to pay him a visit.

### Palau Community College Library

#### Facts:

- ◆ Serves as a de facto national library, open to everyone in the community 85 hours per week.
- ◆ Implemented the first on-line catalog in the Republic of Palau in 1994.
- ◆ Utilizing MARC's 856 tag for links to electronic resources.
- ◆ Cataloging expertise.
- ◆ Developing bilingual authority list for subject access to images.



# Palau Community College MESEKIU'S NEWS

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## President Tellei Attends Academic Summit in Japan

PCC President Patrick Tellei is back from a week-long meeting in Okinawa, Japan. Mr. Tellei attended the 2nd Pacific Islands Academic Summit that was held at the University of Ryukyus in Okinawa. Earlier this year President Tellei met with Dr. Moshin Motrita, President of the University of the Ryukyus to discuss possibilities of collaborative work between PCC and the University of Ryukyus.

*In the picture from left to right: Makoto Uda, Secretary Gen., Univ. of the Ryukyus; Makoto Tschuia, Professor, Univ. of Ryukyus; Alvina Timarong, PCC Dean of Academic Affrs.; Patrick Tellei, President-PCC; Dr. Moshin Morita, President- Univ. of the Ryukyus; Willy Wally, PCC Dean of Cont. Ed.; Mario Katosang, PCC Vice President of Education and Training. The picture was taken during President Morita's visit to PCC in January of this year.*



### PCC Fall Semester 2001 Registration Schedule

Palau Community College wishes to inform the general public of the up-coming Fall Semester 2001 registration schedule. The following dates of activities have been scheduled for both continuing and new students.

**New students are requested to adhere to the following scheduled dates.**

- Placement testing for new students begins on **August 6-10** on a walk-in basis starting at **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon** and **1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- Freshmen orientation for new students begins on **August 13-15** starting at **8:30 a.m.**
- Academic advising and pre-registration for new students is on **August 16 (Thursday)** starting at **8:00 a.m.**

**Registration for all continuing students is as follows:**

- Registration for continuing students begins on **August 6-10** and will be done in alphabetical order.
- Students whose last name begins with **A-M** will register from **9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- Students whose last name begins with **N-Z** will register from **1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**All continuing students who miss the above schedule will register during registration day on August 17 as follows:**

- Students whose last name begins with **A-M** will register from **9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**
- Students whose last name begins with **N-Z** will register from **1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

*For more information, contact the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid at 488-2470/2471 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.*

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## Press Releases: Palau International Coral Reef Center

### Reef Creatures Spawn in Aquarium Exhibits

The Palau International Coral Reef Centers research and aquarist staff have been keeping a close watch of recent spawning activities of various invertebrate and fish species in their aquarium exhibits. During reproduction much knowledge can be recorded of these marine animals natural histories and reproductive cycles.

In early May, one of the Centers giant clams, *Tridacna gigas*, was observed releasing millions of eggs and sperm in whitish plumes in the Reef Crest exhibit. The larvae will float in the water for about 10 days until they eventually settle on the bottom, attaching themselves to rocks or other hard surfaces. Due to great competition for space on the reef as well as organisms close proximity to one another, many small fish, sea anemones and soft corals consume the giant clam larvae before they can settle and grow into adults. The clams utilize sunlight to produce food by housing large numbers of zooxanthellae, tiny single-celled algae, in their cells. Through a process called photosynthesis, the algae convert carbon dioxide and other raw materials into sugar and other nutrients, which provides nourishment to the clam. When there is no sunlight available, such as at night, clams may also obtain nutrients by filter feeding plankton from the water.

Centers pair crab-eye gobies or *Signogobius biocellatus* recently produced eggs in one of the camouflage exhibits. These small yet extremely active fish are often seen in pairs on the bottom of lagoons and bays sifting through the sand. This fish's unique reproductive behavior begins as a pair digs a spawning cave for the female to deposit her eggs. The male then seals himself in the cave to watch over the eggs. The cave is opened periodically during the incubation period so that both the male and female can clean it. After 4-5 days the male will leave the cave, sealing it behind him. The eggs and larvae will then feed on food reserves and each other. When the parents reopen the cave, only one juvenile goby will remain. Although young gobies live singly, they will eventually mate for life. The crab-eye goby can grow to about three inches and feeds on small crustaceans by sifting through sandy substrate.

June and July are the spawning months for most of Palau's soft and hard corals species, most actively, 7-10 days after the July full moon. The majority of Palau's corals are hermaphrodites, meaning that these marine animals are both male and female and contain both eggs and sperm. At night, the flowerlike polyps spawn clusters of sperm bundles covered with 9-190 eggs that are released to the water's surface. The eggs high fat content enables the clusters to float. Eventually, the floating clusters of sperm and eggs will intermingle with clusters from other coral colonies and fertilization will begin to take place. Sometimes hybridization will occur among different species of coral when sperm from one coral species will fertilize eggs from another species of coral.

David Idip, PICRC Research Department Head stated: This spawning process among the different marine mammals in the

Center gives us an incredible opportunity to observe and analyze their reproduction cycle. Every year we are learning new and exciting things about marine animals. We hope that this knowledge will help us preserve these precious resources.

### Visitor from Japan Donates \$4,000 to Coral Reef Center

Ms. Satoko Ishida, a Medical Doctor from Sapporo, Japan donated \$4000 after visiting the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). Ms. Ishida said she was very impressed with the aquarium and supports the objectives of the Center. The initial purpose of Ms. Ishida's visit to Palau was to attend a memorial service for the departed soul of her former supervisor, Professor Wada of Sapporo Medical University. The late Professor Wada served at an army hospital in Palau during the Japanese Administration.

Francis Matsutaro, PICRC CEO stated: On behalf of the Palau International Coral Reef Center, I wish to express our deepest appreciation to Ms. Ishida for her benevolent donation to the Center. One of the major goals of the Coral Reef Center is to promote environmental education and conservation of Palau's delicate marine ecosystems. We are sincerely grateful to Ms. Ishida for recognizing and assisting this affirmative endeavor. This generous donation will be used to start up the Centers Endowment Fund, insuring long-term stability for the Center to carry out its goals of inspiring conservation and the protection of the Palau's marine habitats.

Matsutaro added: Through your goodwill and support, your donation has demonstrated the true spirit of friendship and helped ensure the growth and success of the Center. We look forward to your future visits to the Coral Reef Center and our islands.

Individuals interested in making monetary donations to the Palau International Coral Reef Center, please call (680) 488-6950

*The Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) is a United States - Japan Common Agenda Project in which the government of Japan provided a U.S. \$ 7.3 million grant to construct the facility.*

*PICRC's Chief Executive Director, Francis Matsutaro is the former president of Palau Community College. PICRC's Chairman of the Board of Directors, Patrick Tellei is the President of Palau Community College.*



PCC staff and faculty member were among the first to visit the PICRC after its grand opening in January 2001.

## RETENTION WEB PAGE

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

### All ROP Employees Invited to Join Endowment Club

Palau Community College continues to invite all employees of the public and private sector to join us in the PCC Endowment Fund Contributors' Club. Donate up to 10% of your taxable income every year and receive a full refund as PCC is a public non-profit organization. For your information, more than 100 PCC employees have been on this program for the past three to four years. **Last year, we were joined by five employees of the Palau National Government and 15 employees of Aimeliik Elementary School as well as Aimeliik State Government.**

Upon joining, they challenged all their counterparts in the government and school system to follow, however, their challenges have remained unanswered thus far, with one exception. **Maris Stella School teachers as well as their principal Mr. Felix Okabe (a former PCC Trustee) joined the Endowment Club this year!** Indeed the club gets bigger and we want to increase it even more. Therefore, we continue to invite all employees to join this worthy cause. Because the purpose of the PCC Endowment Fund is to ensure the financial viability of Palau's only community college, your membership means you play an important role in the future of higher education for Palau.

By enrolling in the Endowment Club, you contribute whatever amount you like and are eligible to receive up to 10% of your taxable income at the end of the year. In other words, you donate to a most worthy cause and get your money back! This is truly a win-win opportunity so we encourage all employees to join the club today. Join us and secure the future of Palau Community College, OUR COLLEGE, for our children and their children. *Together, we can make a difference!*

To enroll in the PCC Endowment Contributors' Club or to get more information about the PCC Endowment Fund or other programs at PCC, call

**Jay Olegeriil or Armstrong Debelbot  
at PCC telephone number  
488-2470/2471.**

**They will be very happy  
to assist you.**

### Academic Calendar Summer Session 2001

July 9 (M) Holiday: Constitution Day  
July 13 (F) Last Day of Instruction  
July 16-17 (M-T) Final Examination Period  
July 23 (M) Grades Due (End of Summer Session)

### Scholarship Announcement

This is an announcement to all recent high school graduates planning to enroll at Palau Community College that applications for the following Scholarship Programs are available at PCC Development Office:

- ➔ Prince Leeboo Scholarship Program
- ➔ Roman Tmetuchl Scholarship Program
- ➔ Moylan's Insurance Scholarship Program
- ➔ Salome Foundation Scholarship
- ➔ Polycarp International Enterprise Scholarship

The deadline for these scholarship programs is Wednesday, August 1, 2001. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit their applications to the PCC Development Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date.

If you have any questions or would like further information about these scholarship programs, please contact Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.

### Vacancy Announcements

Position: Librarian  
Salary: \$16,010.00 - \$18,730.00 per annum depending on qualifications.

Positions: English Instructor  
Science Instructor  
Salary: \$14,233.00 - \$21,068.00 per annum depending on qualifications.

Application forms may be obtained from Palau Community College's Human Resources Office. Send completed application form with transcript, resume, and verification of previous employment to:

*Palau Community College  
Human Resources Office  
P.O. Box 9, Koror, Palau 96940*

**For detailed information about the above vacancy announcements, contact PCC Human Resources Office at telephone number 488-2471, ext. 228.**