

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 1984 (MOC)

**Catherine Kazuma-**  
1984 MOC graduate with a Certificate (CA) in Occupational Home Economics (OHEE). Kazuma has been working for 5 years as Customer Representative for Bank of Guam, Koror Branch.



### Class of 1996 (PCC)

**Jerene Ngiraike-lau-**  
1996 PCC graduate with a Certificate (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Ngiraike-lau has been working for 10 years as Clerk IV for Division of Economic & Development, Ministry of Comm. & Trade.



### Class of 2004 (PCC)

**Deborah Wiley-**  
2004 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science Degree in Elementary Education (EDEE). Wiley has been working for 9 years as a Classroom Teacher for Koror Elementary School.



**Alumni Notes** 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**

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### Celebrating Birthdays

Grace Merong	July 22
Rehabeam Madlutk	July 23
Akilina Maeach	July 25
Ignacio Akiwo	July 25
Takemura Erungel	July 25

**Happy Birthday To You!**

## UBMS Holds 3rd Banquet

The PCC Upward Bound Math & Science (PCC-UBMS) held its 3rd Annual Banquet for their program participants at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center on July 13th. Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) students in Palau were joined by students from other UBMS programs in Micronesia for the summer component which culminated with the banquet and the awarding of certificates of completion.



UBMS summer students from other Micronesian islands pose for picture with President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (r) and UBMS Director Tchuzie Tadao (2nd-left) during their farewell banquet at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center.

Programs offered this summer were specifically geared for math and science, and students also had opportunities to go on educational field trips to places such as the Palau International Coral Reef Center, Palau Public Utilities Corporation as well as to the big island of babelaob to visit

historical sites and various conservation areas.

UBMS conducts its summer component annually and invites qualified UBMS students from in other islands in Micronesia to also take part in its summer component program. For further information about the UBMS programs, contact telephone number (680)488-3965.

## New Face on Campus



Arlyn Ignacio  
New Student Account Supervisor

Arlyn Ignacio is the newest addition to the business office staff. Ignacio assumes the student account supervisor position, formerly held by Janice

Mathew who is now with the Palau Social Security Administration.

Ignacio worked for nine (9) years as a Realty Officer for Bureau of Land & Survey. Her college education began at the University of Guam (UOG) where she graduated in 1997 with BBA in Marketing. She also attended Macy University in New Zealand where she earned her post graduate diploma. Ignacio will work, mainly with student billing statements and reports.

## Our Condolences

The college family expresses its deepest condolences to staff members **Felix Sengebau on the loss of his father and Teory Idechong on the loss of her sister.** Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during your time of grief and sorrow.



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## UN-FAO Consultant Shares Expertise on Agriculture

The Palau Community College Cooperative Research and Extension department (land grant program), Palau Organic Farm and Senator Alan R. Seid-Honorary Consul of the State of Israel to the Republic of Palau- hosted a recent visit of a consultant from the United Nations-Food & Agriculture Organization (UN-FAO), Dr. Ranaan Katzir.

Katzir, who is from Israel shared his expertise with local farmers and agricultural groups during a workshop on sustainable agriculture held at the continuing education training room from July 19-20, 2006. Twenty-seven (27) participants from the following government and non-government agencies attended the two-day workshop: Palau Bureau of Agriculture, Ngatpang state, Ngardmau state, Environmental Quality Protection Board, Palau Community Action Agency, Palau Conservation Society, Taiwan Technical Mission, PCC Agriculture Program and the PCC Cooperative Research & Extension department.

Katzir's workshop covered several agricultural topics such as: agro-environmental problems in developing countries; bio-diversity, food security and environmental conservation; world water resources under sustainable management; global aspects of achieving food security through sustainable agriculture; and Israel experience of sustainable agriculture.

Katzir's workshop discussion centered around how to manage natural resources such as soil, water and even human resources for sustainable food production. Katzir also emphasized how his own state of Israel practiced efficient management of its water resources through drip irrigation that conserves water and still provides enough water for plant consumption.

Other sustainable practices that have been proven successful in Israel's varied climate- arid desert, semiarid, and temperate- were also shared during the workshop.

Dr. Katzir is scheduled to tour the big island of babelaob, visiting agricultural establishments such as the Palau Organic Farm in Ngaremlengui state, the Taiwan Technical Mission in Aimeliik state, and also the PCC CRE research and development station also in Ngaremlengui state.



Dr. Ranaan Katzir (c) with wife Mrs. Ilana Katzir pose for a photo with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and PCC CRE Vice President Thomas Taro during workshop recess.

## Summer Semester, 900+ Served Thru Other PCC Programs

In addition to the over three hundred sixty (360) PCC students enrolled in traditional college courses this summer semester, there were nine hundred nine (909) students signed-up in nontraditional classes/training offered through the college's Continuing Education (CE) program, Operations & Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP), Cooperative Research & Extension (CRE) program, and both the Upward Bound (UB) and the Upward Bound Math & Science (UBMS) programs.

The Continuing Education program offered training to two hundred twenty-seven (227) participants in classes such as Palauan conversation, customer service, computer skills, counseling, apprentice program, diplomatic skills, and the popular 'summer kids' program. The summer kids program offered classes in core subjects of math, English, science and computers to elementary students to reinforce their skills in the subjects.

The Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program focused its attention on offering services and training programs to government employees in maintenance and infrastructure development sectors. Training on the use and maintenance of water pumps helps rural water operators in the upkeep of their systems. Classes on database design and use were also offered to workers in various government ministries to enhance record keeping and tracking.

The Cooperative Research & Extension program had the most participants

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## Commission on Education in Micronesia (CEM) Launched in Palau



Dr. Elizabeth D. Rechebei  
President, CEM

Palau Community College will be hosting the headquarters for the Commission on Education in Micronesia, a nonprofit organization dedicated to

advocate for the inclusion of indigenous knowledge, philosophies and practices in the education of Micronesian children; and to offer guidance and support to individuals, groups, and agencies in promoting and enhancing the integration of indigenous knowledge, philosophies and practices in the education of Micronesian students.

The commission was endorsed at the Rethinking Education in Micronesia Conference in the Marshalls Islands, October 2004, and initially organized into a committee in 2005. The conference is part of the Rethinking Pacific Education Initiative by Pacific educators to

encourage leadership for education by Pacific educators for their own communities. That conference encouraged the questioning of values and assumptions underpinning the inherited formal education systems and development philosophies.

CEM officers are: Dr. Elizabeth Diaz Rechebei, President; Mr. Masa-Aki Emesiochl, Vice President; Dr. Hilda Heine, Secretary; and Dr. Isebong Asang, Treasurer. CEM will soon have a website. For information, please contact [cemiconesia@gmail.com](mailto:cemiconesia@gmail.com). In Palau, contact Masa-Aki Emesiochl or Isebong Asang at 488-1006.

Annual membership dues are: individual (\$20), organization (\$100), associate memberships: individual (\$15), organization (\$75). Initial membership drive was successful during the 2006 PEC conference in Palau. The first group of members include Traditional Council of Chiefs of Palau, educators, researchers, administrators, etc. CEM encourages interested individuals to join as members or associate members.

Now retired, Hayakawa lives in Kanagawa Prefecture in Zama City, Japan. Since 1988, he has been a frequent visitor to Palau and has relatives here. Mr. Hayakawa's half brother, Wataru Imeong who is a retired firefighter.

Ichiro Hayakawa is now 79 years of age and has three children. His first son was actually married in Palau, and lives with his wife in Beijing. Ichiro Hayakawa is also a grandfather with seven grandchildren. However, Mr. Hayakawa was not the only child to leave Palau. He has an older sister who was 12 when they left Palau for Japan in 1937. His younger sister was also born in Palau, and she now lives in Oklahoma.

When interviewed Mr. Hayakawa very straightforward and proficient in the English language. He was very interested in the college and inquired about the subject of chemistry and if PCC teaches it. He even wanted to see if a tour of PCC's labs was available. When asked why he liked chemistry so much Mr. Hayakawa replied, "Because it's very hard."

There is no doubt that Mr. Hayakawa is a part of Palau's colonial history. He may not have been here for long, but the short time he was in Palau he was witness to a major portion of Palauan

history that was in fact part of a larger global struggle. For World War II was a total war; a war in which countries from different parts of the world struggled for power and dominance.



Accompanied by her niece Theo Sibetang, Ichiro Hayakawa (r) and his son-in-law (l) visited the college last week.

## Japanese Visits His Place of Birth- PCC

By: Usong Baules, SWEP Student

In 1914, the Japanese navy took control of the German colonial assets in Micronesia and in 1920 Japan gained legal authority over Palau after World War I, through a mandate from the League of Nations. Seven years later Ichiro Hayakawa was born. The location of his birth he says was here at Palau Community College. He said he was born in a hospital that was situated where the PCC campus is now today.

His father worked for the Japanese Administration headquartered here in Koror. In 1937, as the threat of World War II escalated ten-year-old Ichiro Hayakawa was sent to Japan to help with the war effort there. His father, however, stayed and continued working for the Japanese Administration.

After World War II, Mr. Hayakawa attended school in Japan. After finishing

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Vice President Olegeriil in Pohnpei for Audit & Finance Convention....

The Vice President of Administration & Finance Jay Olegeriil left yesterday to attend the Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA) convention in Kolonia, Pohnpei. The week-long gathering of public auditors and finance officials from all over the Pacific region is slated to commence on Monday and run until Friday. Olegeriil with others from the ROP's ministry of finance comprised the Palau delegation to the meeting. Olegeriil is due to return next weekend.

### PEC 2006 Participants ...

The following are the latest numbers from the recently held PEC 2006:

Country	Participants
American Samoa	34
Chuuk	64
CNMI	76
US mainland	27
Fiji	1
Guam	41
Hawaii	43
Kosrae	28
Marshalls	59
Philippines	4
Pohnpei	71
Yap	19
Palau	453
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>921</b>

### Important Dates to Remember

August 7-11	- Placement Testing
August 10	- Freshmen Orientation
August 12	- Last day to submit PCC Scholarship Application Forms
August 14	- Deadline for Internship application forms
August 14-17	- Advising & Registration
August 21	- First Day of Instruction
August 21-25	- Late Registration/ Drop & Add Period

## PCC-CRE Summer Quest Ends

The Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) Department of PCC conducted a Summer Quest for the youth. The 14-day program started on June 20 and ended on July 7, 2006 at the R & D Center in Ngeremlengui State.



CRE Summer Quest students learning basics of cultivating soil and planting crops.

Nineteen (19) grade school pupils participated in the program, 10 from Ngeremlengui State and 9 from Koror. The class included 13 girls and 6 boys. This CRE program was conducted by Ms. Leilani Rechellull, Extension Assistant of the Natural Resources and Environmental Education Division (NREED).

The successful participants who have received their certificates were: Rimuu Daniel, Uri Erungel, Lalii Ikeda, Iolani Kyota, Sasha Kyota, Michael Lukas, Scotterler Ngirangeang, Imedechong

Ngirawes, Elton Ossik, Misrose Roland, Rick Roman, Losii Roland, Ourard Sakuma, Evigan Sengebau, Jescilla Shiro, Dexter Techerong, Leolin Tellei, Kendra Uchel, and Michael You.

Among the lessons that the students learned were basics of cultivating soil and planting crops, importance of composting in farming, water quality, importance of man-groves, forestry and endemic plants in Palau, organic farming, testing of soil for pH level, nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium contents, and basic knowledge in aquaculture process. The students had the chance to visit EQPB, Belau National Museum, Palau Organic Farm, Taiwan Farm, and PICRC. They also enjoyed field

trips to Ngerdok Lake to learn about watersheds, Ngarchelong Badrulchau, and Ngirngemelas Square. They ended their summer quest with an overnight camping at the R&D Station.

CRE-NREED programs on youth development includes Summer Quest, and a year-round teaching on science and mathematics in the different elementary schools in the Republic. The CRE is composed of four divisions, namely, NREED, Agriculture, Aquaculture, and Family and Consumer Education (FACE), and the Department is headed by Vice President Thomas Taro.

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offering training, workshops and demonstrations to four hundred seventy-four (474) individuals in areas of food technology, product development for food security in Palau, food processing of taro and tapioca root crops, family and consumer education programs, agricultural techniques to improve crop production, crop protection, aquaculture, food and water safety and quality, soil management, Noni planting demonstration, youth science programs, and environmental education.

Federally funded programs such as the Upward Bound and the Upward Bound Math & Science program were operating

at maximum capacity, offering supplemental academic programs to select students from high schools throughout Palau in an effort to better prepare them to enter college after high school years.

### Summer 2006 Enrollment Summary

Traditional Students	Non-traditional
Palau- 274	UBMS- 55
Kosrae- 12	Upward Bound- 110
Pohnpei- 4	CE- 227
Yap- 47	CRE- 474
Marshalls- 6	OMIP trainees- 43
Chuuk- 12	<b>TOTAL- 909</b>
Saipan- 1	
USA- 7	
Japan- 1	
Philippines- 4	
China- 1	
<b>TOTAL- 367</b>	

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