

MESEKIU'S NEWS



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Dr. Gonzales Wraps Up Institutional Effectiveness Training



PCC President Tellei (seated-left) and members of the PCC Executive Committee pose for a photo with Dr. Kenneth Gonzales (seated center) after the group's meeting on Monday.

take place in the board room where Dr. Gonzales is expected to present his final assessment on the on-going college-wide effort to develop SLOs. He will also provide feedback on two critical PCC documents- Accreditation Self-Study report and the PCC Strategic Directions 2009-2024 that are currently being drafted and readied ahead of the March 2010 site visit of members of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, the body that accredits PCC. Dr. Gonzales who is known for his data-

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The Institutional Effectiveness training which began on Monday concludes today with consultant/trainer Dr. Kenneth Gonzales scheduled to meet for a final session with the Dean of Students Marensia

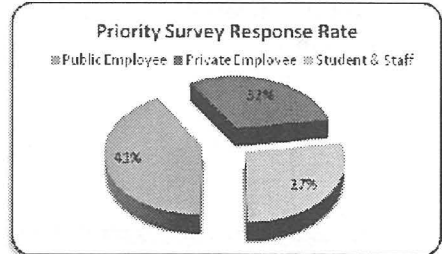
Edward and staff to review Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for the Student Services office. This afternoon, an exit meeting with President Tellei and members of the PCC Executive Committee will

PCC Wraps Up Priority Survey Report

The Priority Survey has been developed and administered by the PCC Institutional Research Analyst & Assessment Consultant, Niño Pate and is now in print. The focus of the survey is to revisit the priority fields to help the Palau Congress and other policy-makers allocate scholarship resources in support of national capacity building and for continuous development of the nation.

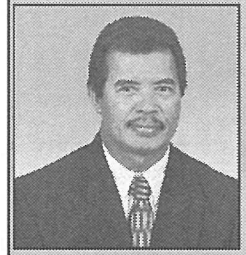
policy of the Republic to help Palauans finance their college and university education.

Of the 250 target respondents, 207 completed the survey (83%); 41% were respondents from public sector, 32% were respondents from private sector and 27% were respondents from high school



Palau Community College conducted the survey at the request of the Palau National Scholarship Board (PNSB) which administers government financial assistance to Palauan students who pursue post-secondary education studies. Title 22 PNC Section 222 provides that it is the

Minister Ngiraingas Joins Endowment Fund



Jackson Ngiraingas
Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce

Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce Jackson Ngiraingas has enrolled in the PCC Endowment Fund Club. In doing so, Ngiraingas joins several hundreds of other government, semi-

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teachers and senior students. A majority of the questions were calculated using mean, mode and percentage.

A few highlights of the survey include:

* Majority of the respondents believe that Criminal Law and Civil Law were the

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2009 Belau Games Official Medal Tally



The 2009 Belau Games concluded last week with Koror State taking the honors this year. Koror State athletes raked in a combined 151 medals, with 27

more gold medals compared to their nearest competitors and second place finishers, Peleliu State. Sonsorol State, despite being one of the smallest states in Palau, both in acreage and population made the top three with 31 golds-mostly from swimming and weightlifting events. Another small state- Kayangel- rounded out the list of the twelve states that competed in the 2009 Belau Games with 1 bronze medal.



Women Outrigger Canoe paddlers from Melekeok State who won gold in the marathon race had lots of connection to PCC. (standing l-r) Leah Asanuma (Palau Chamber of Commerce at PCC), Dillaur Tellei (PCC Student), Kiblai Suzuky (PCC staff), Ngedikes Benedict (PCC student), and Uldak Semdiu (PCC alumni). (kneeling) Cornelia Thomas (PCC Upward Bound student) and Sim Tellei (former PCC Upward Bound Student).

State	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Koror	73	38	40
Peleliu	46	32	29
Sonsorol	31	15	16
Ngaraard	12	7	2
Ngarem lengui	11	25	15
Melekeok	8	16	6
Ngarchelong	8	14	8
Ngardmau	7	4	8
Aimeliik	7	4	6
Ngchesar	6	7	6
Angaur	2	3	3
Kayangel	0	0	1



Eight states participated in the Outrigger Canoe competition which was held at the Meyuns Sea Plane ramp.

Ngiraingas, from Front Cover government, and even PCC employees that allot a certain amount from their bi-weekly paycheck to the PCC Endowment Fund. To join Minister Ngiraingas and the hundreds of other contributors who give to the PCC Endowment Fund, contact the Development Office at 488-2471, ext. 253. Your contribution is tax refundable.

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Alumni Notes

Class of 2006 (PCC)

Asteen Marcil - 2006 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Environmental/Marine Science. Marcil, after graduation was hired by the Ministry of Resources and Development to supervise operation of the public water works system in Kayangel State.

Class of 1972 (MOC)

Maria Tmodrang - 1972 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Food Services. Tmodrang moved to Saipan after graduation and opened a cleaning business (Tuff) with her husband. She is now retired and enjoys spending her time with family and friends.

Class of 1972 (MOC)

Humiko Kumaich - 1972 MOC graduate with a Vocational Certificate of Achievement (VCA) in Food Services. Kumaich's entrepreneurial spirit saw her foray into a number of businesses after graduation. She is now a successful owner/manager of the HK Hotel/Apartments.

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 and all alumni in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

Celebrating Birthdays

Merelyne Omelau	Aug	3
Chester Lelis	Aug	3
Jolene Joseph	Aug	4
Johvanna Yaoch	Aug	5

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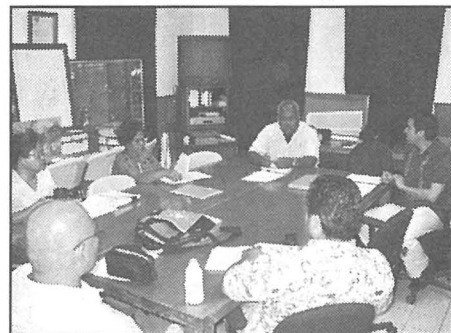
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Dr. Gonzales, from Front Page



Dr. Gonzalez (r) meets with President Tellei and his cabinet members and executive committee in the board room.

driven approach in increasing persistence rate, course completion rate, and ultimately, graduation rate of college students also met earlier in the week with the Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong to review Student Learning Outcomes both at courses and programs level. Like the Student Services office, the Academic Affairs office must also have clearly defined SLOs by the time the accrediting

PCC Vision Statement: - where we want to be
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Palau Community College is an accessible public educational institution helping to meet the technical, academic, cultural, social, and economic needs of students and communities by promoting learning opportunities and developing personal excellence.

commission visits in 2010.

This visit is the second of two for Dr. Gonzales to PCC, all in an effort to better prepare the College to meet specific and stringent accreditation standards. The accrediting team visit in March 2010 will verify PCC's compliance.



Dr. Gonzales (c) after his Focus Group training session.

**REPUBLIC OF PALAU
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Palau Community College will receive sealed proposals from interested contractors thru the Office of the Vice President for Administration, Palau Community College, P.O. Box 9, Koror, Republic of Palau 96940, beginning on July 31, 2009 for the construction of the Two Storey Class room/laboratory building until 10:00 a.m. September 20, 2009 at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. All bids must be accompanied by a bidder's bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid price. Bid security may be bid bond, certified check or cashiers check made payable to the Palau Community College.

The information for Bidders, Bid Form, Contract Forms, Plans, Specifications and other contract documents may be examined at: Palau Community College, Office of the Vice President for Administration
 PCC Ukall Building, Koror State, Republic of Palau

Copies may be obtained at the above office upon payment of \$250.00 for each set. The cost of each set of plans and specification is not refundable. Additional two (2) sets will be furnished to the successful bidder without additional charges.

Bidders' qualification requirements may be obtained at PCC at no cost. Pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on July 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Palau Community College Conference Room and from there to the site for a site visit.

Palau Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposals in the interest of the College. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of opening thereof.

For more information concerning this Bid Announcement, contact Mr. Jay Olegeriil, Vice President for Administration & Finance at telephone numbers: 488-2471 extension 228
 Project Cost Range: \$300,000 - 350,000.

/s/
 Jay Olegeriil
 Vice President for Administration & Finance

BITS AND PIECES...

DONATION

Yano and Sons Market Donates 19 lbs of Lemons...

Thanks to Scott Yano of Yano and Sons local food market for the donation of 19 lbs. of lemons to the PCC cafeteria last week. The Yano family has been a long time supporter of PCC, often making donations of fresh vegetables from their farm when they have surplus crop. The lemons will be used to make lemonade for students. PCC thanks Yano & Sons market for their recent donation and their continued support.



Cafeteria staff Sharleene Skebong and Daley Ueki holding samples of the lemon (king-kang) donations.

CORRECTION

Banner Story Error...

In the last issue of the Mesekiu's News (July 24, 2009- Volume 11, Issue 30), the banner story headline should have read: *Major Donor Repts Tour Library Construction*; instead of: *Major Donor Tours Repts Library Construction*. Our apologies to our readers for the error.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Day for Withdrawals Next Week...

- July 9 Constitutional Day Holiday
- July 10 Last day for all withdrawals
- July 31 Last Day of Instructions
- Aug. 3-5 Final Examination Period
- Aug. 7 Grades Due
- Aug. 14 Last day to change grades
- Aug. 17 First Day of Instruction - Fall Semester

**New PCC Library
 219 Days Into 270 Days of Construction**



Fifty-one (51) more days to go according to the original construction schedule of the new three-story library building. The building will house the library collections on the first two floors while the top floor will accommodate office spaces for faculty members and officers of the Associated Students of Palau Community College (ASPPC).

Priority Survey, from Front Page

two most important fields in Criminal Justice and Law. In terms of Medical profession, respondents agreed that all fields were important but Surgical and Medicine were deemed to be the most important. Biology and Food Science and Technology were essentials in the field of Sciences.

* In Arts & Social Sciences, Social Works and Psychology were the two most important; in the field of Business and Economics, Marketing and Entrepreneurship, and Economics were crucial priorities; Mass Media and Broadcasting were the most important in the field of Communication.

* Computer Science and Computer Programming were the two most important priority fields in Computing; respondents agreed that all areas in Engineering were important however, Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering were the most essential fields; Industrial Designing and Architectural Studies were important in the field of Architecture.

* All areas in Education seemed to be

important fields but respondents concurred that Early Childhood and Elementary Education were the two most important priorities; other issues that needs to be given attention were the health insurance for student-scholars and getting support to gaining employment after graduation.

The report also shows that about 67% and 62% of the respondents believed that the over-all career planning of the Palau schools, and its advising and mentoring respectively were very useful in helping students choose their specialty field. Also, 74% and 66% are in agreement that the "level of education desired" and "fit with personality, interest and skills" respectively were the most important factors in determining the students' specialty field.

Consultant Pate acknowledges the help of numerous public and private agencies, high school faculty and senior students for their cooperation. Special thanks to Exe. Assistant Todd Ngiramengior, Dir. Armstrong Debelbot, VP Jay Olegeriil, Admin. Assistant Dilubeh Samil, Survey Assistant Lantz Ngiramengior and Isimang Ismus, and Work study students Techall Kazuma and Elliot Benzle. Should you need further information on the report, please contact Niño "ONZ" Pate at the PCC-Development Office, Tel. # 488 2470-71 ext. 251.