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## PCC President Completes Role as SPMG Chairman



Pictured in the front row (l-r) is PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, Honorable Tommy Remengesau Jr. President of the Republic of Palau, Vidhya Lakhan, President South Pacific Games Council, John D. Tierney, Regional Vice President for Oceania and Frank Kyota, PNOG President. In the back row are James Tobin SPG Secretary-General, Bill Keldermens, President Micro Games.

PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei concluded his role as the Chairman of the South Pacific Mini Games Organizing Committee. Dr. Tellei's role officially ended last Friday during the Closing Ceremony of the SPMG at the Palau National Track. The event began with a hand over ceremony with Vidhya Lakhan, President of the South Pacific Games Council, presenting the SPG flag to the Delegation from the Cook Islands, who will be hosting the Eighth SPMG in 2009. Afterwards, Honorable President Tommy Remengesau Jr. made his congratulatory and farewell remarks to the athletes, officials and guests. This was followed by the presentation of a gold medal to Tadao Ngotel, the oldest and only participant of the 20 kilometer walkathon. The medal was presented by Dr. Tellei in his capacity as SPMG Organizing Committee Chairman. The event was formally closed with a prayer by Pastor Limitz Iyar. This huge undertaking brought almost 2000 athletes from twenty Pacific nations to the biggest sporting event ever hosted by the Republic of Palau. Despite the huge challenge, the SPMG Organizing Committee with the support of Palau's national, traditional and state leaders and the dedication and hard work of hundreds of volunteers made the event a truly memorable occasion. Dr. Tellei mentioned that the SPMG's success was largely due to the many dedicated volunteers who went beyond and above their duties to ensure the event was a success. He added that Team Palau represented Palau well by landing in sixth place out of the 20 nations who participated in the event, Dr. Tellei said, "These Games were more than a sporting event displaying the skills of some of the fastest, strongest and most athletic men and women in the Pacific, it was an opportunity to bring us together as a nation, a region and a community of Pacific nations together to celebrate our common culture of sharing, understanding and friendship. That at the end of the day, when we put down our running shoes, our gloves and uniforms, we can share a hot meal, a refreshing drink, a firm handshake and a good laugh together as friends." He added: "I would like to thank Palau's traditional leaders, the President of Palau, Ministers, our National Congress, state governors, Palau National Olympic Committee, athletes, volunteers and SPMG staff for making this SPMG a great success. I would also like to express a special thank you to the staff of the Palau Community College for their support and hard work during the Games. Through rain, sun and wind, they performed their duties well beyond my expectations. Thank you for a job well done!" For final medal tally see page four.

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## PCC Offers New Library Science Courses



Gretchen Reynolds, PCC Librarian.

For the first time ever, PCC is now offering new courses in Library and Information Services (LS). The LS course program offers students an educational background for library and information work in support and staff positions. As well as give them the opportunity to learn about the ever changing information and data environment in Palau. With the new and modern era of technology, students who wish to pursue a career in the library profession need to keep abreast of the latest trends in library and information services. These new classes offer an integrated curriculum that provides the students with the right balance of practical skills and in-class learning to better prepare them for their current or future careers in the library profession. The LS course program offers a well balanced education that concentrates on various aspects of library administration from information resource management, data compilation, staff supervision, to budget analysis and public relations. The goal of the course program is to provide students the skill sets and educational background necessary to perform their duties in the dynamic field of Library Science and Information. Gretchen Reynolds, PCC Librarian said, "These new LS classes

offer a very innovative and hands on approach to learning. Whether you work in a library, a museum or a research facility, PCC's new LS course program will give you the skills and tools you need to succeed in your field as a Library and Information Science professional." The classes begin on August 22, 2005 and there are currently 14 students registered for the introductory LS course program. If you are interested in an exciting career in Library Science and Information, please contact Gretchen Reynolds at 488-2470/2471.

## **BITS AND PIECES...**

### **PSBDC Offers Business Workshop for Women....**

The Palau Small Business Development Center is organizing an exciting new business workshop which focuses on "Women in Business". This workshop is specifically geared to give women the opportunity to learn the basics of successfully running a business from the bottom up. The workshop will be held on August 22, 2005 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at Sarah's Yum Yum restaurant in Meyuns. Topics for the workshop include Professionalism in Business; Personal Image, and Effective Communication Skills; Time and Money; Personal and Business Budget Basics; How to Market Your Business; Selling and Customer Service Basics. The fee for workshop is \$20 and includes lunch and refreshments. For more information or to register, please call 488-6004. Space is limited so please call early to reserve your seat in the hottest business workshop of the summer. The Palau SBDC helps the local business community by assisting individuals with their Feasibility Studies, Market Research, Surveys, Business Plan Development, Loan Packaging, and Operational Assistance.

### **Deadline for Requisitions.....**

In preparation for the Year-End closing of PCC's financial books, the Administration department has designated Tuesday, August 30, 2005 as the deadline for all off-island requisitions and Thursday, September 15, 2005 for all local requisitions for this fiscal year. All departments and offices are requested to prepare and submit their requisitions by the above-mentioned dates. Any requisitions submitted after the deadline will be addressed in the next fiscal year.

### **PCC's CE Office Offers Masters Program.....**

The PCC Continuing Education Office is looking for individuals who are interested in acquiring their Masters degree in Educational Leadership. Earn your Masters degree from San Diego State University through on-line classes at Palau Community College. For more information, please call Taruu Nakamura or Sharon Elbelau at 488-6223.

## **CE Teaches Advanced Computer Skills**



Edwel Ongrung teaching a course on computer database.

PCC's Continuing Education Office is conducting a class on computer database applications. The class is held every night from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm daily and teaches students various database applications using the Microsoft Access software. The purpose of the class is to give students the computer skills to take a large amount of data and store it on an accessible computer program. This class is particularly beneficial to government workers who deal with statistics, numbers and data. Such knowledge of different databases will allow individuals to not only effectively store information, they will also be able to reconfigure large amounts of information into a more readable format such as a data matrix, construct flow charts as well as produce accurate analysis reports. The class is being taught by Edwel Ongrung, a Computer Specialist for the Republic of Palau's Ministry of Education. Currently, there are fourteen students taking the class, most of whom work for the Bureau of Public Safety, Office of Planning and Statistics, Immigration Office and other governmental agencies and offices.

## **Palauan Student Featured in Top Japanese University Newsletter**



Emilia Katosang, graduate student at Waseda University.

Emilia Auriel Katosang was featured on the Waseda Weekly, a newsletter for Waseda University, one of Japan's most prestigious universities. Emilia is a first-year graduate student at the Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) where she is pursuing her Masters degree in International Relations. She also holds the distinct honor of being the first Palauan woman to attend Waseda University. Prior to attending Waseda, Emilia attended the University of Hawaii at Hilo where she double majored in Political Science and Criminal Justice. According to the article, once she graduates from Waseda, she hopes to contribute to the nation building of Palau by working for the Bureau of Foreign Affairs or an Embassy of the Republic of Palau. Waseda Weekly is a university bulletin for the students. It is published by the Office of Student Affairs and contains many articles of the events at Waseda and activities of the students. If you wish to read the article in its entirety, log on to <http://www.waseda.jp/student/weekly-e.html>. Waseda is one of the top private universities in Japan that was founded over one hundred twenty years ago when it began as a small college with three departments under the old system of Japanese higher education. Today it has grown to become a comprehensive university with a student body of over fifty thousand students. The Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University (GSAPS) was established in April 1998, as an independent graduate school, the first independent and interdisciplinary graduate school in the 120-year history of Waseda University. The basic concept of the Graduate School is "to focus on research in a variety of fields related to history, politics, industry, management practice, society, culture and the international affairs of the Asia-Pacific region. Ms. Katosang is the proud daughter of PCC's very own Human Resource Manager, Karen Mobil. Like her daughter, Karen is not only a dedicated and long time employee of PCC, she also proved herself to be a hard working student as she recently received her Bachelors degree in Education from San Diego State University. The College is proud to acknowledge the accomplishments of Emilia Katosang. Congratulations and good luck Emilia!

## Alumni Notes

### Class of 2002 (PCC)



**Leonora Bates-**  
2002 PCC graduate  
with an AS degree in  
*Tourism and  
Hospitality  
Management.* She is  
currently working as a  
Customer Service  
Representative for  
Continental Airlines.

### Class of 2004 (PCC)



**AnnMary  
Ngirailemesang-**  
2004 PCC graduate with  
a Certificate in Office  
Administration. She is  
also working for  
Continental Airlines as a  
Customer Service  
Representative.

*Great Job, you make us Proud!*

**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*.

## Celebrating Birthdays



Marlyne L. Olkeriil August 12  
Kashilda Bruno August 13  
Juan Camacho August 14  
Dilubch Samil August 14

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**



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## Endowment Contributors Club:



(l-r) Loyola Darius and Meker Besebes from the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs.

The PCC Endowment Contributors' Club continues to expand its membership list with the enrollment of three new members: **Loyola Darius** and **Meker Besebes** from the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs Bureau of Arts and Culture are some of the new faces this summer. We also have, **Angie Udui** from the Ministry of Finance's Tax Office. As always, PCC is most grateful for the tremendous support it has received and continue to receive for its Endowment Contributors' Club and profoundly thanks all supporters. Add your face to the many that have joined

the Endowment Contributors' Club by contacting Dilubch Samil, Hulda Lukas or Temmy Temengil at PCC-telephone number 488-2471 ext. 253. **PCC IS OUR COLLEGE and TOGETHER WE MUST ENSURE THAT IT CONTINUES TO EXIST TO MEET THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS FOR YEARS TO COME.**

The College is by no means ceasing to accept new enrollees to the Club. We continue to accept new members. Simply call anyone at the PCC Development Office at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2470/2471, extension 253 and they will be more than happy to come to wherever you are and help you join the Endowment Contributors' Club. Donate to the PCC Endowment and get your money back like the rest of us!!!

## Final medal tally for the 2005 South Pacific Mini Games

Position		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	New Caledonia	56	29	27	112
2	Fiji	23	21	15	59
3	Nauru	18	0	0	18
4	Papua New Guinea	16	11	8	35
5	Samoa	16	8	2	26
6	Palau	9	3	7	19
7	Guam	6	9	14	29
8	Cook Islands	5	9	7	21
9	Federated States of Micronesia	5	1	5	11
10	Tonga	5	1	3	9
11	Northern Marianas	4	12	7	23
12	Solomon Islands	2	6	3	11
13	Vanuatu	2	3	1	6
14	Wallis & Futuna	2	1	1	4
15	Marshall Islands	1	3	0	4
16	Niue	0	5	0	5
17	Norfolk Island	0	1	1	2
18	Tuvalu	0	0	2	2
19	American Samoa	0	0	1	1

\*No medals awarded to Kiribati, Tahiti and Tokelau.

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# PCC Hosts Computer Server for Online Catalog for Libraries



Bruce Rimirch, Director of Computer and Data Processing

PCC is now housing a new top of the line computer server that has the capability to network all the libraries throughout Palau. Currently, the server can now access online library catalog of both the PCC Library and the Palau National Library. In other words, students can go online to search the lists of periodicals, books, magazines and research materials at both libraries at the touch of their finger tips through the internet.

This server is part of the Union Catalog Project; It is an online network that allows users to search all library catalogs through one web-accessible interface. It is estimated that within five years, the server will incorporate the online catalogs of other libraries throughout Palau as well as the Palau International Coral Reef Center, the Palau Museum and the Judiciary Library. The server costs \$16,000 and was paid for by PCC in connection with a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS). Such a network will allow not only students but everyone a fast and easy way to access data, research and gather information from governmental and educational resources throughout Palau.

The management and maintenance of the server will be provided by PCC's own Bruce Rimirch, Director of Computer Data and Processing. Bruce Rimirch said, "This particular server is very powerful because it has the capacity to hold a large amount of data. Such a capability is essential if you want to host an online catalog that networks multiple sources of information on one server."

# Student Life Relocates to Upper Campus



The new Student Life office. Inset: Deikola Olikong, Counselor.

The Office of the Student Life has been relocated to PCC's upper campus (previously the Upward Bound Math and Science Office) between the PCC Bookstore and the Upward Bound Office. The relocation of the office is the result of the College's efforts to improve services whereby all academic advising, counseling and student referrals will now be conducted by the Student Life Office. Previously, academic advising was performed by PCC's faculty and professional staff. However, in order to maximize services to PCC students it was decided that it would be more effective for PCC to provide all these services under the centralized supervision of the Student Life office. Student Support Services counselors will continue to provide counseling services and academic advising to PCC students under their program, while Student Life will accommodate the rest of the student body. In addition to providing counseling and academic advising, the Student Life office also coordinates freshmen orientation, student housing and all student activities. The Housing and Recreational Office is still located

at the lower campus across from the PCC dorms. Marensia Edward, Director of Student Life said, "We hope that with this change and the relocation of our office, we will be more effective in helping guide, counsel, and advise our PCC students with their college career choices. We can now offer an easy and convenient one-stop location for our students to find the information they need to achieve educational success." If you have any questions regarding your program requirements or you wish to inquire about the many academic and training programs PCC has to offer, please do not hesitate to call 488-3036.

## Staff from the Student Life Office



Marensia Edward  
Director, Student Life



Deikola Olikong  
Counselor



Myorang Besebes  
Secretary



Ephraim Ngirachitei  
Dormitory Manager



Kashilda Bruno  
Dormitory Manager



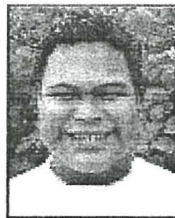
Ismael Anastacio  
Student Service Supervisor



Norman James Sato  
Recreation Assistant



Eriko Yahagi  
Recreation Assistant



Husayn Beketaut  
Student Worker

### Important Dates for PCC Students to Remember!

**August 15-16 (M-T)**

**August 17 (W)**

**August 18 (TH)**

**August 22 (M)**

**August 22-26 (M-F)**

**Registration for all students**

**Registration for new students**

**Last day for registration**

**First day of instruction**

**Late registration**