

AGRICULTURE PROGRAM HOSTS VISITORS FROM JAPAN

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Eighteen (18) students and teachers from Japan recently visited the Agricultural Science Program on Wednesday, August 22, 2001. The visitors were on a Palau Study Tour coordinated by the JICA Office in Palau. The visitors learned about PCC and the Agriculture Program, including a slide show of student activities. Then they learned to feed chickens and collect eggs. The eggs they collected were placed into the incubator to hatch. We expect them to hatch in three (3) weeks, and we will be able to send pictures to the group leaders to share with the participants. The students also learned how tapioca is planted. This crop is not grown in Japan, so it was the first time for the visitors to see tapioca in the field. They planted a small field of tapioca which will be maintained by the PCC Agriculture Club. The tour participants enjoyed their visit very much, and promised to come back again



AGRICULTURE PROGRAM HOSTS PALAU HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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On Friday, August 24, three groups of Palau High School students came to visit the Agricultural Science Program. These students are in the course Career Development I, and are learning about careers in Natural Resources. Instructors Dr. Joel Miles and Shiomi Hata explained how the PCC Agriculture Program prepares students for agricultural careers, then gave the students a tour of the nursery, poultry house, and fields. Given that Agriculture has been identified as one of the nation's top priorities, we hope some of these students will choose careers in Agriculture!

For information about the PCC Agriculture Program, please contact Dr. Joel Miles at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 245.



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Prince Leeboo Scholarship Receives Donations



After hosting lunch at the PCC Cafeteria, PCC President Patrick U. Tellei receives donations to the Prince Leeboo Scholarship from Mr. Alan R. Seid (Chairman, MIDCORP Board of Directors, and on behalf of Surangel and Sons Company) and Mr. George Yang (President, Palasia Hotel Palau).

The Prince Leeboo Scholarship has received a big boost as a result of donations from several sources. The total of \$3,000 which was received by Palau Community College to administer the scholarship was received from the following sources: \$1,000 from Palasia Hotel Palau; \$1,000 from High Chief Ibedul Yutaka Gibbons; \$500 from Micronesia Investment & Development Corporation (MIDCORP); and, \$500 from Surangel and Sons Company.

The Prince Leeboo Scholarship was launched last school year during the unveiling ceremony of the Prince Leeboo Memorial located on the PCC campus, whereby two recipients were awarded scholarship to help defray the cost of their college education at PCC. The Prince Leeboo Society and Palau Community College will be awarding this year's recipients who must be students of Palau Community College. For information about the Prince Leeboo Scholarship Program, contact Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471, extension 253.



PCC Dean of Students Presley Receives High Chief Ibedul's donation from Sinobu Merep

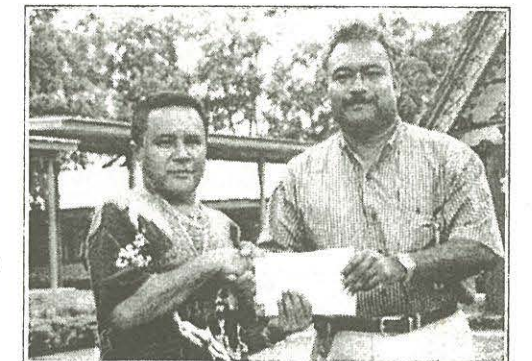
CARLA IS SALOME SCHOLAR

PCC freshman Ms. Carla Rudimch has been selected as the recipient of the Salome Scholarship Foundation. Ms. Rudimch is the daughter of High Chief Reklai Raphael B. Ngirmang and Dirraudes Ngirmang. From a pool of ten (10) applicants, Ms. Rudimch was selected by Obak Danny Ongelungel, who funds this year's recipient. As a Salome Scholar, Ms. Rudimch will receive \$500 for school year 2001-2002 to offset some of her expenses as a PCC student.

Ongelungel, who holds the title "Obak" of Ngiwal, in a meeting with PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, indicated his intention to make some fundamental changes to the Salome Scholarship Foundation Program. However, he has assured President Tellei that funding for the scholarship will not be affected and that any student who wishes to apply is encouraged to do so.

The basic criteria for eligibility for the Salome Scholarship are: a) Be a citizen of Palau, having familial ties to the State of Ngiwal, b) Be a high school graduating senior; c) Have the highest cumulative GPA among all eligible applicants; and, d) Have been accepted to and will attend Palau Community College for the upcoming school year

For more information about the Salome Scholarship Foundation, contact Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.



Obak Danny Ongelungel presents check to PCC President Patrick U. Tellei.

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National University Seminar Draws Big Audience

On Monday August 27, 2001, Dr. Janet Litrell from the California based National University held a seminar at the PCC Cafeteria. The seminar covered National University's on-line bachelor and master's programs and drew over 80 people. During the seminar, Ms. Litrell informed the audience of the advantages of obtaining a degree on-line such as not having to leave home and family to pursue a higher education degree. Another significant advantage which was discussed at length was the substantially reduced overall program cost as compared to attending college/university through traditional means. The audience was also provided the National University catalog as reference as well as contact address in case of inquiries. Anyone who is interested in finding out more information about National University's on-line bachelor and/or master's programs can simply do so through the following website: www.nu.edu.



Ms. Litrell answers questions during the Seminar, held at the PCC Cafeteria.

Mesekiu's News Challenge "A":

It has been some time that the *Mesekiu's News Challenge* last appeared. Our records indicate that PCC student Houston Mad holds the record for having the most wins during the last series of challenges. With this new school year underway, the *Mesekiu's News Challenge* is back and ready to contend with the entire PCC

student body. Therefore, we begin this 2nd series of challenges, so students get ready!

The first PCC student to submit a piece of paper indicating PCC President Tellei's correct full name, birth date, where he lives, college alma mater, favorite leisure activity and favorite color will win a free lunch bento at the PCC Bookstore. Interested entrants may submit their responses to Hulda or Dilubch at the PCC Development Office no later than Wednesday September 5, 2001.

2002 PDS COMMITTEES TO DATE

In further preparation for the 2002 Professional Development Seminar that Palau Community College will host next year, committees have been recruiting members. The following are some of the committees and their membership as submitted by Helen Immanuel of Upward Bound:

Entertainment & Hospitality:

Willy Wally, Chair
Huan Hosei, Member
Midori Mersai, Member

Registration & Evaluation:

Dahlia Katosang, Chair
Vernice Rechebei, Member
Tchuzie Tadao, Member

Logistics:

Clement Kazuma, Chair
Mekreos Silil, Member
Sue Ngirngbedangel

Anyone who would like more information about the PDS conference, or volunteer on one of the committees may call Helen at Upward Bound telephone number 488-2962 or 488-2471, extension 260.

The *Mesekiu's News* is encouraging everyone to share information with the rest of the College community. Please submit your articles to Development Office on Wednesdays each week. **MESULANG!!**

PCC Gears Up for Thanksgiving Fund Raiser

Starting next week, Palau Community College will begin its annual Thanksgiving fund raising activities to build the PCC Endowment Fund. Because of the success of the past two years' Thanksgiving fundraisers, PCC is very excited and believes the local community will once again show their commitment and support by purchasing tickets for this year's fundraiser. This year, however, will be different from the previous years in that tickets will be only for \$10 each. Yes, only \$10 and the prizes are sure to entice even the penny pincher in all of us! The College realizes that many people have been asking what this year's prizes are, and in fact are ready to try their luck at one or more of the fabulous prizes. Please be patient and look forward to upcoming issues of *Mesekiu's News* and yes, be prepared to be amazed at the great prizes just waiting to be won! In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about the PCC Endowment Fund or about the Thanksgiving Fundraiser, please feel free to contact anyone at the PCC Development Office telephone number 488-2471.

PCC Endowment Fund At A Glance:

Established for the purpose of securing Palau Community College's financial stability so that it will continue to provide educational and training opportunities for Palau and the Pacific region for years to come. With a goal of \$10 million, the PCC Endowment will not be withdrawn until it reaches the stated goal. The Palau National Government has from time to time contributed to the PCC Endowment Fund through appropriations. More than one PCC and government employees donate to the Endowment Fund every payday. Many state governments, local businesses, agencies, and individuals have contributed to the Endowment Fund at least once. As PCC is a non-profit organization, donations of up to 10% of anyone's/company's income tax may be refunded.

Japanese Students Visit PCC for "PALAU Study Tour 2001"

By Hirotao Yamada
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On the right, LeoBen Teriong, VP of Administration welcoming the Japanese students to PCC.

On Wednesday, August 22, thirteen (13) Japanese students from Tokyo paid a visit with five (5) ex-JOCV members to PCC. This was a part of their "PALAU Study Tour 2001". They were introduced to the PCC Agriculture staff, and then were given a presentation on the Agricultural Program by Dr. Joel Miles. This was followed by actual experience of feeding the chickens and planting tapiocas. They looked so excited since it was the first experience for them not only to feed the chickens but also to see live chickens actually! That's to say, they came from city of Tokyo.

Prior to this visit, they were given a tour of PCC Campus, and several of them experienced an interest in coming to PCC for studying Palauan culture in the near future.

BANK OF HAWAII'S KOROR BRANCH is 40!!!

The Board of Trustees,
Administration,
Faculty,
Staff,
and most especially the Students
of
PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE
take this opportunity and wish the
BANK OF PALAU'S KOROR BRANCH
a very happy
40th BIRTHDAY as a
valued corporate citizen
of the Republic of Palau!!!

Success IN the Classroom....

Here are some tips for getting the most out of college classes.

- Be Present and on time for every class sessions.
- Be mentally active. Constantly ask yourself questions: what are the important ideas here, do I see the connection, do I understand?
- Ask questions about things you don't understand, you'll be doing yourself (and others!) a favor.
- Get involved in the class. Volunteer answers. Sit near the front. Make sure the instructor knows your name and recognizes you as a conscientious student. Make friends in the class and develop a mutual support group.
- Take good notes. Anything teachers write on the chalk board is important information for the course.

Success OUT of the Classroom....

- Don't hesitate to ask help from instructors. All instructors have office hours just for helping students. They want students to do well in their classes.
- Review what happened in the class. Rewrite notes if needed.
- Keep up with homework assignments. Prepare for tests well in advance. Putting work off and failing behind leads to BIG TROUBLES later on.
- Find others to work with- two heads are better than one.
- If you don't know where to go for assistance, stop by at Retention Office or Student Services.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

Full-Time:

Vernice Yuzi - Science Courses
Lester Rekemesik - Construction, Blueprint Reading, Plumbing, Masonry, Computer Courses, Tourism Courses, Music Courses

Part-Time:

Jemmy Blelai - Education
Christina Kadoi - Education
Irene Soalabai - Science & Health
Douglas Stark - Self Defense
Nora Singeo - Criminal Justice
Clinton Ngemaes - Computer, Accounting
Rosemary Mersai - Japanese, Economics
Roland Tangelbad - Psychologist, Physical Education
Mathew Young - Diving
Myers Techitong - Math