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Time Heals What Reason Cannot- Palau Remembers 9/11



PCC joins ROP in remembering 9-11.

We all remember a most tragic event (9-11 terrorist attacks) that occurred five years ago in the United States which claimed thousands of innocent lives. Palau Community College marked the 5th anniversary of the 9-11 attacks by organizing a national memorial ceremony to remember the numerous lives of victims that were tragically lost on that ill-fated day.

It was a beautiful setting with both Palauan and U.S. flags flying side by side in front of the PCC *Mesekiu Bai*, with lighted candles surrounding a wreath made of local flowers set on a makeshift altar in the *Bai*.

There were close to a hundred people who attended the memorial. ROP President Tommy Remengesau Jr., US Charge d' Affairs Mark Bezner, High Chief Ibedul Yutaka Gibbons, High Chief Reklai Bao Ngirmang, Vice President Camsek Elias Chin, PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei, US Navy CAT Team members, ministers, senators, governors, and members of the diplomatic corp were among the many gathered to remember 9-11. Many from the community including a number of PCC staff and students also joined the observance.

President Remengesau and Charge d' Affairs Mark Bezner offered remarks, both echoing similar sentiments that

because terrorism does not discriminate, all faiths of the world must unite in the fight against terrorism and its ideology.

Songs from St. Joseph Choir, Koror Evangelical Church Choir, and PCC students comprised of Chuukese, Marshallese, and Kosraean made the ceremony all the more memorable.

Afterwards, President Remengesau and Charge d' Affairs Brezner led the signing of a guest book which will be presented to the government of the United States as a memento for the 5th anniversary memorial of 9-11.

Palau has and remains a staunch supporter of the United States since it declared war on terrorism after the September 11, 2001 attacks.



ROP President Tommy Remengesau Jr. signs a guest book to conclude the memorial service marking the 5th anniversary of 9-11.



Guests at the memorial service.

A Promise Well Kept



Kristy Olkeriil, freshman at PCC

If you worked or were a student at PCC ten years ago, you might remember a young girl named Kristy Olkeriil.

Ten years ago, during a groundbreaking ceremony for the Btaches building behind PCC library, Kristy was an elementary student enrolled in a summer keyboarding class- summer kids- at PCC and was chosen to give a speech during the groundbreaking ceremony.

In her speech, she made a promise to all who were present that she will one day attend PCC. Kristy kept her promise and is now a freshman here at PCC majoring in Accounting. She plans to get her AS degree in Accounting before transferring to University of Hawaii- Manoa for her bachelor's degree.

"I think attending PCC is easier than high school, in the sense that I get the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of courses, and so far, I like my classes, says Kristy." Kristy also stated that she likes PCC because it has given her the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones from various countries. She is happy that she kept her promise, saying that she is enjoying her college experience at PCC.

Kristy hopes to someday take over the management of her family's business and promote small, local businesses in Palau.

New Counselors at PCC Student Life



Maurine Alexander-Instructor/Counselor and Winfred (Ucherb) Recheiungel-Counselor

It's a new school year and not only are there new students, but new counselors as well. At Palau Community College's Student Life office, Mr. Winfred U. Recheiungel and Ms. Maurine Alexander are the new student counselors.

Mr. Recheiungel is the new Technical Education Counselor. He graduated from Chaminade University and went on to become a Math Teacher at Kagman High School in the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas' (CNMI).

After CNMI, he then moved to Hawaii and worked at Hawaii Job Corps as a Math Teacher.

Ms. Alexander, on the other hand, is no stranger to the college. Since graduating from Northern State University in South Dakota, she has been working at PCC as a business instructor.

During her tenure here, she enrolled in the Masters program with SDSU and has earned her Masters Degree in Educational Leadership in 2003. She remains a business instructor for this year, but also became a counselor for the school of business here at PCC.

Both counselors encourage all PCC students to attend classes, study hard, and to pass all your classes. If you need any help, please do not hesitate to contact them at the Student Life office.

CIP Inspectors Complete OMIP Course

CIP inspectors completed a "Pipe Placement Inspection" course offered through the Operation and Maintenance Improvement (OMIP) at Palau Community College. The course drew upon the expertise of Chief Steven K. Harvey, the Assistant Officer-in-Charge of the Navy Civic Action Team in Palau.

The inspectors attended the course in the evening, after working hours, and were faced with daily tests and quizzes given to them by Chief Harvey. This was the sixth in a series of CIP inspector training courses, but the first to be conducted by a member of a Palau Civic Action Team. We hope to be able to use their expertise again in future courses, as they are specialists with experience in construction work under many different conditions.

PCC's New Welding and Auto-Body Instructor Arrives



Welding & Auto-body Instructor Antonio Villa with student

PCC will revive its Welding and Auto-Body Program with the recent hiring of instructor Antonio Villa from the Philippines.

Villa graduated from Mindanao State University. He then worked at

Technology, Education, & Skills Development Authority (TESDA) where he taught for the past 21 years. He resigned from TESDA and took on the new teaching position at PCC. Villa is teaching two classes for this fall semester.

Instructor Villa will be reviving PCC's Welding and Auto-Body Certificate Program which was discontinued in the early 1980's.

PCC realizes that there is a need for skilled workers in the welding and auto-body field and believes that Villa's skills and years of experience makes him the right person to restart the Welding and Auto Body program at PCC.

National Museum last week as a token of their appreciation for the grand tour of the museum they were afforded a day earlier. Instructor Ngirmeriil who teaches the class of 20 students said she brought her students to the museum as part of her class instructions for the Natural History of Palau course. She said that the museum's exhibit which depicts important events and occasions in the brief but colorful history of Palau, and a separate display that covered endemic plants specific only to Palau were most helpful in helping her students gain more insight into the rich heritage and natural history of Palau. The museum field trip is a required component of the Natural History of Palau class. Ngirmeriil and her students extend their appreciation to Tina Rehuher-Marugg, Director of Belau National Museum and her staff for the educationally enriching tour, and also for waiving the entrance fee of each student. Ngirmeriil and her students encourage other PCC students to learn about the history of Palau by visiting the Palau National Museum.

Science Class Donates to Museum After Educational Tour

PCC science students who are taking the Natural History of Palau course (SC 239) and their instructor Sherry Ngirmeriil made a \$25 donation to the Belau

BITS AND PIECES...

New PCC PR Manager.



Koyu Kebekol(l) and Upward Bound Program Director Kuye Blelai.

Koyungil "Koyu" Kebekol, an Upward Bound Alumni, is Palau Community College's new Public Relations Manager. In 2001, Koyu enrolled at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Japan and graduated in September 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. One of Koyu's key responsibilities will be this newsletter, the PCC *Mesekiu's News*.

Join the Palau Wind Orchestra Choir...

Palau Wind Orchestra (PWO) is inviting all PCC students to join its choir. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00pm-5:20pm. If you have any questions, please see Howie at PWO office.

Election Results ...

The results of the FSM Club election for 2006-07 school year are as follows: President-Mark Tolenoa (Kosrae); Vice-President-Nickson Hegenberger (Pohnpei); Treasurer-Pejay Togolmaiu (Yap); Secretary-Jasyuri Fritz (Chuuk). The results of SBA officers and Student Trustee for the new school year 2006-07 could not be announced as of press time.



KILL Everything...

With the ongoing rolling blackouts, all offices are reminded to turn off COMPUTERS, BATTERIES, and SURGE PROTECTORS to protect against equipment failure from EXTREME POWER SURGE generated when the power comes back on line. Your utmost cooperation in this matter is required. Thank you for your continued care in the use of all scarce college properties.

Continuing Education Training

PCC Continuing Education (CE) program will be conducting a computer training for the staff at the Ministry of Health (MOH). The training will begin on September 26.

Also working in conjunction with the Behavioral Health division of the MOH, the CE program will also be offering the fourth round of the Crisis & Clinical Counseling class. Registration is now open for interested individuals.

For information or registration about CE training programs, please contact Taruu Nakamura at 488-6223.

Upward Bound-Math & Science

The Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) Center at Palau Community College announces its recruitment efforts for the new SY 2006-2007. Any high school student who is interested in UBMS services can apply. Applications are available at UBMS office or via PCC website: <http://www.palau.edu/ubmath.htm>. UBMS' academic services will begin on September 30, 2006 with a student orientation.

UBMS is a member of the TRIO program funded by a grant from the US Department of Education.

Agriculture Lab Classes Now at R&D Station

The Agriculture Program has now moved its laboratory classes to the College's Research & Development station in Ngermeskang, Ngeremelengui State on the big island of Babeldaob. Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong said that the move was necessary as the construction of the new PCC Library will take the entire area that was formerly the agriculture farm. The actual classroom sessions will continue to be held here on campus and only the laboratory sessions (field work), held twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays have been relocated.

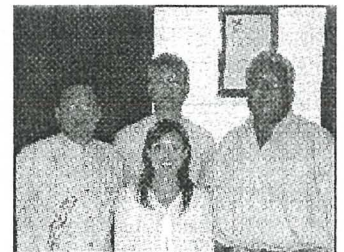
Short-term Training in Air Conditioning & Refrigeration

Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (ACR) instructor Ramon Garcia is currently working on developing a short-term ACR incubator program slated to be offered in late October. According to Dean of Academic Affairs Alvina Timarong, the short-term class is being designed with the working individual in mind, serving those who are interested in gaining knowledge and skills in the Air Conditioning & Refrigeration field, but do not have the luxury of time to sit in a classroom for an entire semester.

Courtesy Visits to President Tellei



PCC President Tellei (2nd-right) with Guam Senator Judith T. Won Pat (2nd-left), Richard Sasaki (r) of Soka Gakkai International, and guest. Last Friday, PCC was very honored to have two very distinguished guests. Guam Senator Dr. Judith T. Won Pat and Soka Gakkai International Vice President/Oceania Chief Richard Sasaki visited PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.



PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei with Mr. Tsutomu Maeshiro, Mr. Noboru Kinjo, and Ms. Rumiko Yamamoto

On September 11, the college was also honored to have three special guests visit from one of our affiliated schools in Japan. Mr. Tsutomu Maeshiro, Mr. Noboru Kinjo, and Ms. Rumiko Yamamoto (former JICA volunteer) of the University of the Ryukyus. Palau Community College has a

Alumni Notes

Class of 2000 (PCC)

Sunshine Soalablai-



2000 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Business Accounting (BA). Soalablai works at the Ministry of Finance as a Budget Analyst. He has been working there for 6 years.

Class of 1993 (PCC)

Lillian Masaharu -



1993 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science Degree in Business Accounting. Masaharu works as an Accountant I at the Ministry of Finance. She has been working there for 12 years.

Class of 1979 (MOC)

Ebil N. Kadoi -



1979 MOC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in General Office Clerk (GOC). Kadoi is a Senior Accountant and a Supervisor at the Reconciliation Section of the Ministry of Finance.

She has been working there for 27 years.

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



Wilma Sukrad	September 13
Howard Charles	September 15
Sidney Kemper	September 15
Becheseldil Nakamura	September 19
Rogelio Vegara	September 20

Happy Birthday To You!

Business Instructor Renews Contract, Continues Support for Endowment Fund



PCC Business Instructor Vance Basilius has re-enrolled in the PCC Endowment Fund. He has also renewed his contract and is teaching again for this semester as the accounting and intro. to business instructor. PCC welcomes the new supporters of the Endowment Fund and invites others who have not signed up to show their support as well. For more information about the PCC Endowment Fund, please contact Hulda, Dilubch, Charlene, Koyungil, or Armstrong at the Development office at ext. 253.

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special relationship with the University of the Ryukyus. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in 2001 by both presidents Morita of UR and Tellei of PCC. The MOU allows for students and faculty exchange between the two institutions.

Based on this memorandum, each school (University of the Ryukyus and PCC) is able to send and accept only one student for each academic year. All examination fees, tuition, and admission fees shall be taken care of by the each host school. However, travel expenses, health care, and accommodation shall be paid by the exchange student. The host school shall determine which study program is appropriate for the exchange student based on his or her academic preferences and background.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The National Development Bank of Palau (NDBP) and Palau Community College Continuing Education Division, in conjunction with Western Pacific Institute of Management, are pleased to announce the availability of the following training opportunity. Call Polly at NDBP at 488-2578 to reserve your seat by September 22. Only 15 seats are available.

Rummage Sale-Book Sale-Bake Sale

The Palau Association of Libraries and Didil Belau is hosting a rummage sale, book sale, and bake sale.

Date & Time:

Saturday, September 16, 2006

9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Sunday, September 17, 2006

12:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Location:

Palau Community College Parking Lot

Books for Kids & Adults Clothes of all sizes~Electronics~ Many Items on sale Very Low Prices!!! Come and check it out!!

Fundraiser for the Didil Belau Scholarship Fund & the 16th Annual Pacific Libraries Conference. Come by and support education & libraries. To donate items to the sale, please contact PCC Library at 488-3540. *We will pick up your donations at your convenience before Friday, September 15.*

Course Title: Structuring Commercial Loans

Date: October 2006 (Date/Time to be confirmed later)

Hours: 8:30am-4:00pm

Description: This course gives an overview of the process of structuring commercial loans. Specifically it will cover:

- ~What's included in loan structure;
- ~Basic principles of loan structure;
- ~Financial, cash flow, and repayment ability analysis vs. loan structure;
- ~ Case study on loan structure: "Amplified Electronics"

Fees: \$325 inclusive of materials, lunch, and refreshments (cash or check to National Development Bank of Palau)

Location: CE Training Room, Palau Community College, Koror, Palau

Instructor: Mr. Mark Zhao, Executive Director/WIM