

## PCC and JAA Become Sisters

On Tuesday this week, Palau Community College and the Japan Aviation Academy formally entered into a five year relationship establishing an international sister college agreement for academic cooperation between the two institutions. Their action was based on the fact that such a relationship was desirable and would be mutually beneficial for both parties.

Under this new sister relationship, such programs that can now take place include **Scholar Exchange and Transfer** - This means students from both schools may study abroad and faculty may teach, lecture, or conduct research at the other institution. **Contract Cooperation** - PCC and JAA will examine ways to work together in joint research, grant, and contract work in academic areas or places where both parties have contributions to make. **Assistance for Summer or Special Programs** - JAA may provide facilities and/or organizational assistance for study tours, short-term programs or summer seminars for PCC students who decide to fulfill their educational studies in Japan. The same will be done by PCC for JAA students who wish to fulfill their educational objectives in Palau. Indeed, our PCC students now have yet another door of opportunity opened for them via this new partnership, thanks to the efforts of our PCC President Tellei and his counterpart at JAA!



PCC President Patrick U. Tellei (l) and JAA Chancellor Shigeo Umezawa proudly display the plaque announcing the Sister College Agreement between PCC and JAA.

This newsletter would like to feature Endowment Club members' accomplishments and birthdays. Call Jay Olegeriil or Armstrong Debelbot at PCC Development Office at 488-2471, extension 253 and they will be very happy to assist you!

### Celebrating Birthdays

Jose Azuma October 3  
AnnSabra Vanoosterweyck October 6

**Happy Birthday To You!!!**

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## Sights of Palau's 9th Independence Day Celebration



The Japanese "Omigosh" float has become a regular entrant in the annual Independence Day Parade. It is a popular float among parade-watchers as it allows audience participation in carrying the float along the parade route.



PCC Tourism Club students take a break from selling their food "makit" for a photo-op. They said the crowd was spending generously on food.



Palau High School students took advantage of the hot weather by selling the sweetest and the coldest coconut "mengur".



Cadets from the Japan Aviation Academy (JAA) have only been on island for a few days but one could not tell as their dance performance to the beat of "Klongosel a Terence", a famous Palauan song drew the biggest crowd.



Popular radio station owner/DJ and entrepreneur Alfonso Diaz worked in tandem with Adalbert Eledui to provide live and entertaining broadcast of the exciting boat race to the crowd at the venue as well as others who were unable to attend but tuned-in on their radios.



PCC Development Officer Jay Olegeriil (r) receives donations from Palasia Hotel Palau Representative for the College's upcoming 2003 Thanksgiving Fund Raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund.

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## 2003 Thanksgiving Endowment Drive Begins

Palau Community College has started its activities for the 2003 Thanksgiving Gund Raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund. This will be the fifth year in a row that the College holds such an event. The first two years' activities were held at the Palau Pacific Resort, while the two most recent fundraisers were held on the College campus. This year, the fundraiser will again be held on the PCC campus courtyard, and will take place on Wednesday November 26, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Initial plans for the event has a major portion of the afternoon devoted to highlighting PCC programs, services, and activities with Palau famous local radio personality, Mr. Alfonso Diaz. Like last year, the College will have the entire event broadcasted live on radio so that the listening public will have an opportunity to learn more about their community college. Throughout the course of the afternoon, drawing of the fund raising tickets will be held for the many wonderful prize giveaways.

The goal for this year's Thanksgiving fund raiser is \$10,000. For a donation of \$10, one gets a raffle ticket. While there is no limit to the number of tickets per person, there are only 1,000 tickets being planned to be sold; therefore, people interested should donate and get their tickets before they get all sold out. Last year, we had 2,000 tickets and they were all sold out! **If you are interested in getting a ticket, members of the PCC Board of Trustees as well as the PCC President have tickets available. At the same time, PCC staff LeoBen Teriong (Vice President of Administration and Finance), Thomas Taro (Interim Vice President of CRE), Presley Etibek (Dean of Students), Alvina Timarong (Dean of Academic Affairs), Willy Wally (Dean of Continuing Ed.), Merelyn Omelau (Accounting Technician), Armstrong Debelbot (Public Relations Manager), Angelio Antonio (Counselor), and Dilubch Samil (Admin. Asst.) also have tickets available. All of these people may be contacted at PCC telephone number 488-2470/2471.**

At this stage, the College is still formalizing the event's schedule and program; thus, PCC is very open to suggestions from the College staff and students as well as the local community. What has been confirmed, however, is the variety and number of great raffle prizes to be given away to some very lucky winners! Some of the prizes that have been confirmed to date include:

### CASH PRIZES:

- \$1,000 prize
- \$500 prize
- \$250 prize
- \$150 prize
- \$100 prize
- \$50 prize (six of these!)



### OTHER FABULOUS PRIZES:

- 5 REALLY BIG PITI fish
- Shopping Spree at Ace Hardware
- Car Tune Up
- Palasia Fitness Ctr. Membership
- Free PCC Plants
- 1 Live baby pig
- Trip to Taipei, Taiwan
- Free Internet
- Overnight Fishing Trip
- Window Air Conditioner

### DINNER/LUCH PRIZES:

- Desomel Restaurant
- Furusato Restaurant
- Carp Restaurant

### BEAUTY PACKAGES:

- Local Beauty Outlets

### HOTEL GETAWAYS:

- Palasia Hotel Palau
- Carp Island Resort
- West Plaza Hotel



### 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. Combined, more than six hundred 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.

### Support Your College

The strength and success of any economy is largely dependent on an educated citizenry. In addition, the success of any community college is dependent on the commitment of the community which it serves. Therefore, let us continue working together to secure the higher educational opportunities for our children by supporting our college, Palau Community College. In return, we will ensure that our children are educated as they prepare to lead our community, our nation.

To donate to PCC, or for more information about the 2003 Thanksgiving Fund Raiser for the PCC Endowment Fund, contact PCC President Patrick U. Tellei or Jay Olegeriil at PCC telephone number 488-2471.

## Exam Study Tips for that Midterm Migraine!

The following exam study tips appeared in this newsletter on its June 13th and July 11th issues. However, they are provided again to help PCC students make the most of their opportunity to earn the desired grades, especially with midterms taking place the week after next (October 13 to 17). These tips may make the difference between a good and a bad grade. Note the following tips, heed them and remember them when you take your exams:

### 1. Be Prepared

The most important factor in exam success is preparation. No matter how many helpful hints you employ, nothing works as well as making sure you've studied enough.

### 2. Do Your Homework

Often an exam question will parallel a homework assignment. Doing your homework regularly will give you practice where you need it.

### 3. Review Regularly

If you spend a few minutes each week reviewing your notes, your final studying will be a review, not an attempt to learn the entire term's work.

### 4. Study Your Weakest Subjects First

Why? You'll be fresher and therefore better able to deal with difficult areas, and you'll have more time to deal with any problems that arise.

### 5. Ask for Help

If you're having trouble with a particular subject, do not be afraid to ask for help. Your teacher and fellow students will be glad to give you a hand.

### 6. Understand vs. Memorize

You may pass your exams if you memorize the material, but you'll improve your grade considerably if you understand what it is you're memorizing. You'll also find the material easier to remember.

### 7. Look at Old Exams

They can be useful study tools, as long as you don't limit your studying to them.

### 8. Eat Well and Get A Good Night's Sleep

Take care of yourself during exam week - you're going through a lot of stress. Make sure you hold up well.

## TOEFL TESTING DATES 2003-2004

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Rec't. Date at TOEFL Office)	Score Report Mailing Date
Oct. 18, 2003	August 29, 2003	November 26, 2003
May 15, 2004	March 29, 2004	June 23, 2004

- The Test of Written English (TWE) is given with the TOEFL test. It is a 30-minute writing test that is required of everyone taking the paper-based test. The TWE score is reported separately and is not added to the TOEFL score.

- Testing and Service Fees - \$130.00

- There are two ways to register for the test.

1. Online Registration - Those with American Express, VISA, JCB, Mastercard, and Discover credit cards may register for the test at the TOEFL Web site ([www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)), or see Karen Nobel at Human Resources Development for an arrangement to use PCC credit card.

2. Mail-in Registration - You may obtain the TOEFL Bulletin from Myorang Besebes at the PCC Student Life Office.

For information about TOEFL registration and testing, contact Marensia Edward at PCC telephone (680) 488-3036.

## Ritsumeikan APU Professor Thanks PCC

Dr. Nobuyuki Hatada, a Professor at the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Japan, has written to PCC President Patrick U. Tellei, thanking the latter for his the College's kind hospitality. Dr. Hatada and eight students from said university spent two weeks in Palau this past September conducting research on two topics: 1) Komi Mondai (Trash Issue Facing Palau), and 2) Palau Dive Spots' Carrying Capacity.



APU students (front) pose for a photo with Vice President Leo Ben Teriong, Prof. Hatada, President Tellei, and Interim VP Thomas Taro

In Dr. Hatada's thank you letter, he informed President Tellei that all his students have now become 'Pro-Palau'. He went on to further thank President Tellei and complimented him on having such committed and professional staff such as Vicki Maui, Armstrong Debelbot, Ephraim Ngirachitei who in one way or another made their stay at the College a meaningful and learning experience.

You're welcome, Dr. Hatada!!!

### Got Articles?

The College Newsletter would like to inform our readers about your office's programs and activities. Please submit your article(s) for the Mesekiu's News to the Development Office no later than 12:00noon on Wednesdays. Thank you in advance for sharing your news with us!

### Did You Know...

**Wrist Saver** - Here's a quick way to relieve wrist pain and strain that can result from typing and other repetitive motions: Rest your elbow on a desk with your hand hanging over the edge. Stretch your fingers as far back as you can with your other hand and hold for five seconds. Repeat for the other hand. Try it!



Source: October issue of TopHealth, the health promotion and wellness newsletter

## BITS AND PIECES...

### Sixth Year of Ten Year Plan Completed

The College completed its sixth year of the Ten-Year Master Plan this week. The annual report shows that progress is being made in all eight targeted areas: Funding, Institutional Culture, New/Current Programs, Student Retention, Facilities, Technology, Public Relations and Learning Resources.

Perhaps the most noteworthy completion in the Plan is the fact that the College is ready to launch the following programs pending the completion of their respective curricula and identification of program staff: Sports Program, School Counseling Program, Mental Health Program, Palauan Studies Program, and the Archeology/Anthropology Program. It is expected at this time that all the goals withing the Ten-Year Master Plan will be reached by the Fall of 2007 as planned.

### Kris Extends Term with CRE

The College's Cooperative Research and Extension department (CRE) is pleased to announce that Kris Lloyd has signed a one-year contract with them effective October 1. Kris has been with the CRE for the past three years as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer. During that time, she has worked on CRE's aquaculture Programs such as Marine Science, Outdoor Wildlife, and After-School Science. These programs introduced many of Palau's students to the diverse and interesting world of science.

For the next year, she hopes to continue to run these valuable youth programs in Koror and in Babeldaob. Of her first three years, Kris says she has learned a lot and really enjoyed working with everyone at CRE. If you would like more information on CRE's upcoming youth programs, contact Kris at PCC CRE telephone number (488-2746/4983.



## Why PCC Library?

The PCC Library provides information, resources and services necessary to support academic programs and research for faculty, students, staff and the college administration. The library serves as a community resource, open to everyone in Palau. With this in mind, the library staff make every effort to meet our patrons' needs in regard to their research or reading enjoyment. We encourage every patron to make use of the available resources in our library and to ask any of our friendly staff for any assistance.

Some of the available services are:

- Self-service Xerox machine
- Online catalog
- Technology center for research
- Email computers for PCC students



Patrons are encouraged to use the online catalog to search for their materials. Not all materials are available online, other very useful materials are only available in our vertical files or you may find them in the back issues of our local newspapers. Plan to spend some time in the library, and ask assistance from the library staff in doing your paper. You will be surprised to find that there may be more materials and information available, and the staff are friendly and willing to help than you thought.

### Website of the week

This is a very helpful site from Secretariat of the Pacific Commission (SPC) called PRISM OR Pacific Regional Information System. This site is an "initiative of the National Statistics offices of the Pacific Islands" and includes extensive "statistical information about Pacific island countries and territories."

<http://www.spc.int/prism/index.htm>

Recent updates include "statistics on line" for the Marshall islands, Cook Islands, Niue, Federated States of Micronesia, Wallis & Futuna, Vanuatu, and Palau.

Everyone is encouraged to check out this extremely useful site.

### Palau Association of Libraries

The Palau Association of Libraries (PAL) held its meeting on September 19, 2003 at the PCC Library. New officers were elected and they are:

- Ms. Elizabeth Vareen, Angaur Elementary School - President
- Ms. Cheryl Kerradel, Airai Elementary School - Vice President
- Ms. Pioria W. Faungy, Palau Community College - Secretary
- Ms. Lori Isao, Palau Supreme Court - Treasurer

PAL exists to strengthen library services throughout Palau. The association meets every 3 months to circulate and update members of new library services, information and share some of the donated materials. Anyone working in the school library throughout Palau is encouraged to join PAL.

PAL is now accepting application for PAL Grant. Money should be used only for library materials. If you need more informatin regarding this grant, please contact Lori Isao at 488-2607 or 488-2582 for detail information.

**"There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all." --- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.**

**Visit the Kids Corner at Your PCC Library!!!**