

Trip to Yap and Palau Shows Aquaculture Has Become a Priority

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On a joint expedition with the Pacific Business Center (PBC), Dr. Cheng-Sheng Lee, Director of CTSA, joined PBC's C.L. Cheshire on a trip to Yap and Palau in an effort to help foster economic development in the Pacific Islands through aquaculture.

Because of a rising awareness of the value aquaculture can have for island nations, the government of Yap expressed an increased interest in pursuing aquaculture endeavors. Mr. Cheshire and Dr. Lee met with the Governor of Yap, Honorable Vincent Figir, Lieutenant Governor, Andrew Yaltiman and his staff, Vice Speaker, James Mangefel, and several representatives of the Fifth Legislature of Yap State, including Tony Ganngiyan, Chairman of the Yap Cooperative Association (YCA).

YCA was started by a group of people that pooled their money together to foster business ventures. They currently boast over 1100 members with gross sales over \$5 million. The cooperative has 100 employees, and if one of their employees becomes motivated to start their own business after working for YCA, the group gives the hopeful entrepreneur a startup loan. A video rental store was just opened with the help of YCA.

After learning the possibilities available through aquaculture, Mr. Ganngiyan reflected that YCA might be the venue for prospective farmers to get online. A future partnership between YCA and CTSA members is possible for CTSA to fund technology transfer to the aspiring farmers.

For more information on YCA or to contact Mr. Tony Ganngiyan, please call (691) 350-2400/1.

Prior to his visit, Dr. Lee traveled to Palau and met with Anita Suta, Vice President of Palau Community College (PCC). During his trip he visited the Palau Mariculture Demonstration Center, the Palau International Coral Reef Center, and of particular interest was the new Ngermeskang Station of the Cooperative Research and Extension Department of PCC. The Station is an integrated agriculture facility leased by PCC from the Ngeremlengui State Government and is designed to focus on the agricultural issues Palau and the Micronesian region face.

According to Dr. Lee, the facilities appear ready to conduct world-class research, demonstration, and extension work. An area for a freshwater prawn pond is currently being cleared. The effluent discharge from the pond will be routed to irrigate vegetable crops. Overall, Dr. Lee was impressed with the progress made at the Station and the future it opens up for the people and industry of Palau.



PCC-CRE Family and Consumer Education graduates eight from the state of Kayangel. Pictured above with the graduates are PCC President Patrick Tellei, PCC-CRE Vice President Anita Suta, Kayangel State Traditional Leaders and Governor.



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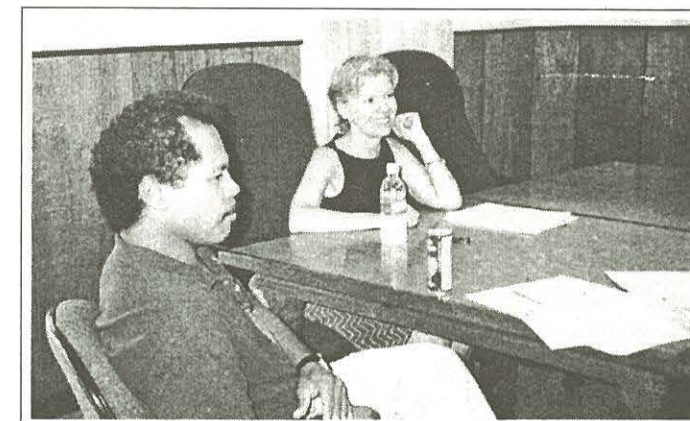
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ACCJC Associate Director Visits PCC New Accreditation Standards Discussed

Gari Browning, the Associate Director for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) was on campus recently to meet and present to college officials the new ACCJC accreditation standards.

The new standards are: (standard 1) Institutional Mission and Assessment of Effectiveness, (standard 2) Student Learning Programs and Services, (standard 3) Resources, and (standard 4) Leadership Vested Authority.



Presley Etibek, Dean of Students and Accreditation Liaison Officer meeting with Gari Browning, Associate Director for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges in the PCC Board Room.

- Standard 1. The institution demonstrates strong commitment to a mission that emphasizes successful student learning, and to communicate the mission internally and externally. The institution utilizes data and analysis in a systematic cycle of evaluation, integrated planning, implementation, and re-evaluation to verify the effectiveness with which the mission is accomplished.
- Standard 2. The institution concentrates on offering educational programs, student development and support services, and learning support services that facilitate the achievement of stated student learning outcomes.
- Standard 3. The institution effectively uses its human, physical, and financial resources to achieve broad educational purposes, stated student learning outcomes, and other mission-based goals.
- Standard 4. The institution recognizes and utilizes the contributions of leadership throughout the organization for continuous improvement of the institution. Governance roles are designed to facilitate decisions to accomplish and enhance the institution's mission, while acknowledging the vested authority of governing boards, chief executive officers, and others.

The Commission originally had 10 standards but were consolidated down to four after the Commission Editorial Board met and consolidated similar standards, thus, creating the four new standards.

The next scheduled meeting for the ACCJC will be in early January, 2002 in San Francisco where the Commission will deliberate on all comments and suggestions from colleges served by the ACCJC. The Commission will also hold a public hearing on the standards at that time.

A final version of the new accreditation standards will be approved at the Commission's June, 2002 meeting. The first ACCJC member colleges to be evaluated with the new standards will be those visited in Spring and Fall 2004, and that includes Palau Community College.

A draft of the new accreditation standards can be obtained from the Dean of Students, Presley Etibek, telephone number 488-5122,

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Celebrating Birthdays

Lorenza Joseph October 10
Sherman Daniel October 15

Happy Birthday To You!!!

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Student Government Directory School Year 2001-2002

Student Trustee

Weldon D. Gideon Student Trustee

Student Body Association Senate Members

Presiding Officers

Valena Joseph - President
Charlyn Basilio - Secretary
Mayda Iyechad - Treasurer

Members

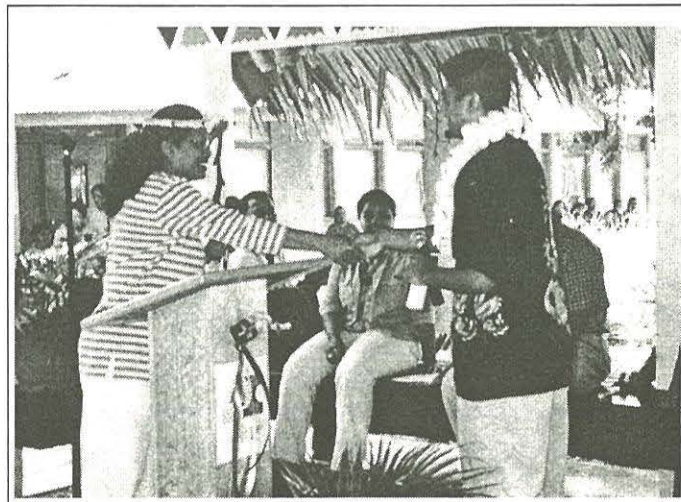
Vierra J. Beches - Palau State Leader
Jeffrey F. Marbey - Yap State Leader
Cynthia Tilimwar - Chuuk State Leader
Kurt Erwin - Pohnpei State Leader
Shrue T. Isaac - Kosrae State Leader
Thomas K. Adiniwin - RMI State Leader
Leah Moses - Freshmen Representative
Ngerak Florencio - Freshmen Representative
Vernice Andrew - Sophomore Representative
Omsangel Tomoichi - Sophomore Representative

Office of Admissions & Financial Aid Fall 2001 Enrollment Statistics

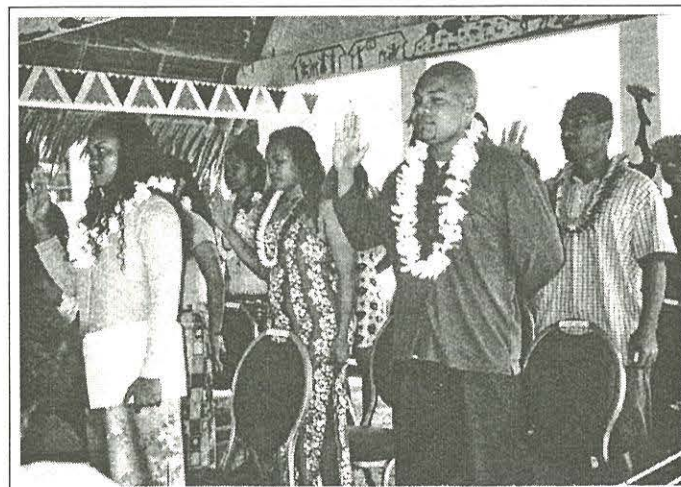
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Air Condition & Refrigeration	7
Agricultural Sciences	8
Automotive Mechanics Technology	21
Business Accounting	76
Construction Technology	16
Criminal Justice	78
Education Program	75
Environmental/Marine Science	9
Electrical Technology	16
General Electronics Technology	35
Liberal Arts Program	30
Nursing Program	9
Office Administration	125
Small Engine & Outboard Motor Technology	13
Tourism & Hospitality	51
Enrichment/Unclassified	17



New Student Trustee and SBA Leadership pose in front of PCC Bai-ra-Lebuu after their swearing-in ceremony last week. Front L-R: Kurt Erwin, Thomas K. Adiniwin, Cynthia Tilimwar and Vierra Beches. Back L-R: Weldon Gideon, Ngerak Florencio, Valena Joseph, Leah Moses, Mayda Iyechad, Charlyn Basilio, Omsangel Tomoichi and Vernice Andrew.



New Student Trustee, Weldon Gideon being congratulated by the PCC-BOT Chairperson, Bilung Gloria G. Salii.



Newly elected SBA members being sworn-in.

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Message from SBA President

SBA Student Senate/Student Trustee Induction Ceremony
Friday, September 28, 2001

Good Afternoon to Bilung Gloria Salii, Chairperson of PCC Board of Trustees, Members of PCC Board of Trustees, President Patrick Tellei, all staff, faculty, and my fellow students.

Today, we all come together and to witness this Swearing-in and Induction Ceremony for the new student government leadership of Palau Community College. Indeed, we are very fortunate enough to see the state leaders from FSM states and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. This is truly a result of hard work and many improvements that has been extended and brought to PCC through the able leadership of President Tellei. PCC is once again attracting students from the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. We all should be proud of this accomplishment.

At this time, I would like to share an outline of what I plan to accomplish with my colleagues in the next 12 months.

First, I do plan to follow-up with the college administrators the 50% tuition fee waiver for SBA Student Senate Members. This was proposed during the last school year and is still pending to this very day. I am confident that once approved, this could entice quality leadership and interest to SBA Student Senate. More and more students would participate in the voting process and leadership skills training.

Second, I do plan to work cooperatively with Academic Affairs & Retention Offices, and state leaders to convince their constituents not to skip classes and be fully committed to academic excellence. We must make every effort to attend our classes. And do encourage your friends to do so.

Third, I do plan to work with the college administrators to provide tutors to be available to serve student academic needs. They'll be stationed at upper campus and dormitory study halls on week-nights. Major subjects to be tutored are: Math, English, and General Science. Honestly, I feel this arrangement is a must in order for each of us to succeed.

Fourth, I do plan to support a worthwhile project within the college that could be beneficial for the future PCC Students. Funding will come from fundraising activities and SBA Student Senate funds as authorized by the PCC Board of Trustees on July 30, 1998.

Fifth, I do plan to come up with a recognition program for those students who achieve a GPA of 3.00 or above on a semester basis. Doing so, will encourage students to study hard and excel both academically and technically.



New SBA President, Valena Joseph

Sixth, I do plan to work with all students in ensuring educational success. The Honorable Mario Katosang, the current Minister of Education of the Republic of Palau said it once and I will repeat what he said, "Becoming a good student leads to good citizenship, which leads to many better things in days ahead. Enjoy, study smart, and take school and work seriously. After all, you are 100% responsible for your life and if you do not take care of it 100%, who will?" By this, fellow students, we must take this as a challenge and we must take full responsibility for what ever we do in our school, community, and for our nations.

Finally, 17 days ago the world saw the disastrous act caused by the terrorists in piloting U.S. commercial airlines into the World Trade Center in New York and Pentagon Building in Virginia.

May I now ask everyone to stand-up and let us all bow our head down for one minute and to remember the innocent victims of this terrible tragedy.

I thank you the United States of America for providing financial aid, so that all Micronesian students can attend college and achieve their dream.

God Bless Palau Community College, God Bless the Republic of Palau, and God Bless the United States of America. Thank you all!!