

MOKEDAU THANKS ALL SPONSORS



The Mokedau.com Canoe Team would like to thank the following individuals for giving us the opportunity to participate in the 2004 Micronesian Cup Canoe Racing Tournament: the Honorable Tommy Remengesau Jr. for his generous donation of \$1000, Honorable Senator Mlib Tmetuchl for providing cases of water and ice, Honorable Koror Delegate Joel 'Yoel' Toribiong for providing snacks and fruits, and Mr. Alan Seid for donating \$100. From all of us from Team Mokedau and from the bottom of our hearts, we express our deepest gratitude for your kindness and generosity. Thank you so much!



MOKEDAU LADIES TAKE 3RD IN LONG DISTANCE RACE, Great Job Girls!

2004 Thanksgiving Prize List

Once again, the Annual PCC Endowment Fundraiser is near. It will be held at the PCC courtyard on Wednesday November 24, 2004, the day before Thanksgiving. Tickets are on sale now for \$10.00 each. Stop by at Development Office and see Hilda, Dilubch, Temmy or Jay for a ticket.

Cash Prizes:

- \$1,000 Grand Prize
- \$500 First Prize
- \$250 Second Prize
- \$150 Third Prize
- \$100 Fourth Prize
- \$50 Fifth - Tenth Prizes

Other FREE Prizes:

- Washer
- Dryer
- Computer
- Cell phone
- Overnight Stay-Palasia Hotel
- Membership at Fitness Center-Palasia Hotel
- One week Free Lunch & Drink at PCC Bookstore
- Fishing Trip
- Plants
- Beauty Makeovers
- Massages
- Really Really Big Fish
- Dinner Certificates
- Lunch Certificates
- Live Baby Pig

and much, much more!

CE Offers Training

The PCC Continuing Education Office would like to announce the following training opportunities:

- Microsoft Publisher
- Computer Maintenance
- Computer Service
- Auto Cad Training
- Intro to Microprocessors

Anyone who would like to learn more about these training programs offered by PCC is encouraged to contact Eileen Babauta or Taruu Nakamura at PCC telephone number 488-2471/6223. Or, you may visit the PCC Continuing Education Office every weekday from 8:00am - 5:00pm.



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PCC is DeLighted with PPUC's 10th Anniversary

The Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC) held its 10th Anniversary Celebration at the PCC lower parking area. It was a historical occasion as honored guests, government officials and the community joined together in commemoration of one of Palau's most valuable agencies whose role is to meet the energy needs of the Republic. During the formal ceremony, members of the Board of Directors and management team were introduced with remarks given by its Chairman, Roman Yano. This was followed by a presentation of certificates to PPUC Board of Directors and retired employees. Additional remarks were made by the High Chief Ibedul, Yutaka Gibbons with closing remarks given by the Honorable Tommy Remengesau Jr. The occasion ended with the official signing ceremony between the Board of Directors and members of the Koror State Land Authority. The College would like to congratulate the PPUC organization for 10 years of providing energy to the people of Palau and wishes PPUC continued success. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei stated: "I congratulate the PPUC Board of Directors, management team and staff for working so hard to meet the electrical power needs of the Republic. PCC shares your commitment in providing the best service to the people of Palau and fulfilling your goal of *Working Together for a brighter future.*"



L-R PCC President U. Tellei, PUC Board Members: Dorotheo Nagata, Secretary/Treasurer, Takemura Erungel, Member and Roman Yano, Chairman

Moylan's Insurance Donates \$500



PCC Student Calvin Sato Receiving Donation from Moylan's Insurance Representative

PCC would like to express its appreciation to the Moylan's Insurance Company for generously donating \$500 to the PCC Annual Fundraising Event. Throughout the years, the Moylan's organization has been a generous benefactor of the college by sponsoring an annual scholarship program that has provided financial assistance to bright and deserving individuals who pursued their educational goals here at PCC. In addition, for the last six years since PCC has held its Thanksgiving fundraiser events, the Moylan's Insurance has always demonstrated their commitment and friendship with the College by purchasing large number of tickets. PCC President Patrick U. Tellei would like to thank the Moylan's organization for their contribution to the College and for being a valuable member of our community by making a difference in the lives of PCC's students. Moylan's Insurance Underwriters, Inc., is one of the oldest and most trusted insurance companies in the West Pacific. Since 1971, Moylan's Insurance has served the islands of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia with full-line insurance branches.

Message from PCC President Patrick U. Tellei

I would like to take this opportunity and encourage each and every registered Palauan voter here at PCC – whether you are a student, faculty or staff to make arrangements with your schedule so that you will be able to vote in the upcoming election. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2004 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. As citizens of this nation, it is our responsibility and duty to choose our leaders and representatives through the electoral process. Furthermore, the recent passage of Republic of Palau Law 6-50 mandates that anyone who will not vote on November 2nd will have their name automatically removed from the National Registered Voter List; hence, those who do not vote will be required to register in the future in order to vote again. Once again, I highly encourage each and everyone of us to go out there and voice our choices through our vote.

Palau SBDC hosts Aquaculture Workshop



Workshop Participants Listening to Experts on Aquaculture

The Palau Small Business Development Center, in conjunction with the Palau Aquaculture Stakeholders Group, hosted a workshop entitled "Developing Aquaculture as a Small Business". The workshop was conducted through short, 10-minute presentations by each of the Stakeholders Group and the Palau SBDC that covered a wide range of topics that are important to consider when developing a new aquaculture business in Palau.

All workshop participants were presented with Palau's Aquaculture Information Packet, which was developed through a collaborative effort of the Aquaculture Stakeholders Group. The packet provides guidance to the reader through the three important steps of starting a successful aquaculture venture: Writing a sound business plan, fulfilling regulatory requirements and obtaining funds. Also included was a list of preliminary questionnaire, which contained a series of questions that are important to consider when developing a business plan. The packet also provided details about what regulatory agencies may need to be consulted and as well as contact information. The Stakeholders Group consisted of Bureau of Marine

Resources, Fish and Wildlife Protection, Bureau of Agriculture, Environmental Quality Protection Board, Office of Environmental Response and Coordination, Palau Community College – Cooperative Research and Extension, National Development Bank of Palau, and the Palau Small Business Development Center.

The workshop charged a fee of \$5.00 per person for those who attended. The fee generated from the workshop is to be utilized to purchase Aquaculture resource materials, which will be donated to Palau Community College Library for community access and resources. The Palau SBDC and the Aquaculture Stakeholders Group would like to convey its APPRECIATION and gratitude to Ngatpang State, Governor Etpison, and Executive Director, Ms. Francesca Otong for allowing and contributing SEAFDEC's expertise to share with the community on the day of the workshop. SEAFDEC is an expert group from the Republic of the Philippines, hired by Ngatpang State to assist, assess, and developing employee skills for Ngatpang States' Aquaculture Project.

JOINING FORCES FOR THE COMMUNITY Tax Regulations & Tax Planning Workshop

The Palau SBDC supports the growth and economic development of the Republic of Palau by providing high quality one-on-one confidential counseling and training as well as innovative workshops to existing and prospective small businesses, while the Social Security Administration and Division of Revenue and Taxation provides assistance, collections, and implementation of the Republic of Palau's Tax regulations. The three (3) agencies met briefly and agreed that this will be a fruitful relationship with the hopes that the general community will take advantage of the group by joining the "free" workshops for all to seek assistance, ask and clarify all their tax needs and/or weaknesses. "We are here for the public and the information that we have are public information, so I hope the community will take advantage of us", commented, Ms. Norma Wally, Social Security

Administration. The partnership established through cooperative agreement in mutual common goal of information sharing with the community. "We hope that the community will understand the meaning of tax regulations, the need to comply, the incentives, and how to plan for the future", commented Lisa Abraham, Director, Palau SBDC.

The agencies are enthusiastic in this approach and are most willing to entertain questions from businesses, employers, employees, and most of all, to those who are in the taxi industry, agriculture and fishing industries. "Paying taxes can be beneficial, if you understand what tax is and planning ahead", stated Mr. Ricardo Bausoch, Division of Revenue and Taxation. The first workshop on Tax Regulations and Tax Planning was held on September 13, 2004 in the Continuing Education Training Center located at the Palau Community College. The workshop covered Republic of Palau's tax regulations as well as an overview of tax planning.

Want to know more about Palau Business Taxes or Tax Planning for the long term? Join us, the workshops will be provided for "free" and advance notice and/or special group workshop arrangements will be made through the Palau SBDC at Tel. #488-6004 or E-mail at lees@pacificsbdc.com or palausbdc@palaunet.com. Future workshops will be promoted with flyers posted at all the large shopping centers, government public bulletins, and advertisements in the PCC Mesekiu newsletter. Similarly, each workshop announcement will be aired through local radio stations.

BITS AND PIECES... PCC to host Japanese Language Fair....

The Japanese Language Fair is an educational event to provide an occasion for Japanese language students to express and present what they have learned in the language courses as well as provide an opportunity for the students to have an exchange of what they have learned with their counterparts. The event will feature the following: Presentation of songs, skits, other forms of expressions and a panel discussion with local elderly Palauans on their experience during the Japanese Administration of the islands. The fair is set for Saturday, November 20, 2004 from 12:00 to 6:00 pm. The participants for this event will be students from the PCC, Palau High School, Mindzenty High School, Maris Stella Elementary School and Ngiwal Elementary School.

PCC Receives Certificate of Appreciation....,

PCC received a certificate of Appreciation from the Government of the Republic of Palau for its valuable contribution and participation in the Nation's 10th Independence Day Anniversary Celebration held this past October 1st, 2004. The certificate acknowledges PCC's generous contribution and support as the College helped organize the Independence Day Softball Tournament and Walkathon.

Scholarships Available,

Citizens of Palau are invited to apply for scholarships under the Taiwan/ROC-Pacific Islands Forum Scholarship Scheme. Scholarships will be awarded for full time, undergraduate or postgraduate studies in the priority fields of medicine, law and engineering. Awards are tenable in accredited tertiary institutions in Forum Island Countries (including Palau Community College), Universities of Hawaii, Guam and in the Republic of China (Taiwan). The list of eligible institutions is available on the website: www.forumsec.org.fc. The scholarship will cover institutional fees, text books, living allowance and return economy airfare to country of study. For more information please contact the Palau National Scholarship Board at 488-3608.

PCC STUDENTS ARE ROCKING THE VOTE!

With only four days till election, the candidates of Election 2004 are stepping up a notch on their campaigns and appealing to the voters of PCC to exercise their right to make a difference in Palau's governing body. Within the last two weeks of this October, many candidates have already spoken to PCC's student body. The Palauan Student Organization, PSO, of PCC organized these presentations of the candidates in hopes of promoting more awareness on both sides of the political issues that we are facing Palauans today. The PSO is hoping that voters will realize that there are two sides to every situation, and has given the opportunity to all candidates to state their views on the issues that face Palau today, such as the renewal of the Compact of Free Association, the possibility of the Constitution Convention, and the importance of balance between economic development and environmental sustainability.

Since October 18, the following candidates we have to choose from have come to the college and presented their proposals for Palau, Candidate for President: Polycarp Basilius, Candidate for Vice-President: Camsek Elias Chin, Candidates for the Senate: Carlos Hiroso Salii, Senate President, Seit Andres, Senate Floor Leader, Steven Kanai, Senator, Harry Rubasch Fritz, Dilmei L. Olkeriil and Candidate for the House of Delegates, Koror State Delegate Joel Yoel Toribiong.

The November elections are in just a few days and we are expecting to hear the views of the Honorable Vice-President Sandra Pierantozzi who will be speaking this Friday, October 29 at noon and the Honorable President Tommy Remengsau Jr. who will be speaking on Monday, November 1st, prior to making our votes. The President and Vice President will be speaking at the Mesekiu Bai during the lunch break. With only a little over 13, 000 registered voters, over half of them are between the ages of 18-30. With those kinds of numbers in mind, it makes you wonder about how much one vote can make a difference?

What's New at the PCC Library

Written by PCC Library Technician Ms. Imengel Mad

New Video in Micro-P

Beyond the spoken word: insuring the legacy of our island: Land has long meant security, identity, and the status for the people of the Marshall Islands. Before these islands know Western civilization, land was handed down orally, through stories, songs, and legends. In every village people know the owners of the lands and the boundaries that divided them, and this knowledge was stored safely in their minds. Today land in the Marshall Islands retains its customary importance, but it has become so much more. Although it is more precious than ever, there is still no organized system if ownership records. In an age of documents and records, the knowledge that people once safeguarded through oral tradition will not be enough. A new system of land registration created by the Government of the Marshall Islands will help the Marshallese people both protect their heritage and develop economically by putting this knowledge to paper. This video looks at the role this system will play in helping the Marshallese carry the legacy of their land into the future.

The Marshallese Islands Journal goes online!

The Marshallese Islands Journal is now available electronically. The electronic version, which is delivered to your email account as a PDF, contains all the articles and columns featured in the newspaper being sold on the streets on Majuro. The first electronic issue published early September, included coverage of the Marshall US\$114 million budget, a feature on the pros and cons of land registration and the great "Are You Aware" column. The Marshall Island Journal – self-described as "The World's Worst Newspaper" even if it is required reading – edited by Pacific Magazine's contributing editor, Giff Johnson, and will provide another link to home for Marshallese dispersed around the globe, and pleasure for all those interested in events in the Islands. The electronic Marshall Islands Journal costs US\$%@ for a year's subscription. journal@ntmar.net

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them. –Mark Twain —check out your PCC Library Today!!!