


Palau Community College - Continuing Education

Palau Community College Continuing Education announces to the public that it will be offering the following short-term training classes for Spring 2001.

- Office 2000
- Intro. to Fabric Design
- Intro. to Drawing
- Intro. to Watercolor Painting
- Intro. to Printmaking
- Intro. to Oil Painting
- Batik Painting
- Basic Accounting
- Basic Plumbing
- Basic Small Engine Repair
- Conversational Japanese
- GPS Training
- Marmar & Lei Weaving
- Palauan Conversation

For details call or email Lorraine Rdiall at

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 Our Condolences to Ephraim Ngirachitei on the loss of his mother Waisang Ngirachitei and also to Losii Olkeriil for the untimely death of her brother April Olkeriil. The College family mourns with you in your time of sorrow and grief and expresses its deepest sympathy to you both and your families.

Celebrating Birthdays



Vernice Yuzi February 2
Eileen Babauta February 2
Elenita Brel February 8

Happy Birthday to you !!!

TOEFL Information for School Year 2000-01

Test Dates	Registration deadline	Scores mailed
Jan. 20, 2001	Dec. 4, 2000	Feb. 28, 2001
May 12, 2001	Mar. 26, 2001	June 20, 2001

* Registration fee is \$110 and you may contact the PCC Counseling Office at 488-3036 for more information.

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Weekly Newsletter

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PCC Opens Dialogue with Univ. of Ryukyus-Okinawa

PCC President Patrick Tellei and University of Ryukyus President Dr. Moshin Morita met for the first time last month to talk about developing a working relationship between the only local community college and the university in Okinawa, Japan.

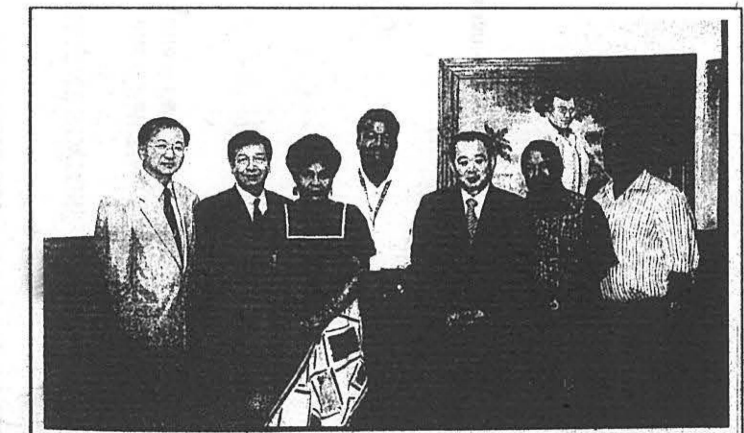
The meeting which was held at the PCC Boardroom centered on finding a common ground with which the two institutions can collaboratively work with to better enhance their students learning as well as improve and develop their faculties and staff.

"With the Japanese language becoming one of the main languages of commerce and trade, it is an indispensable tool (Japanese language) that I believe a PCC student can further master it at the University of Ryukyus," said President Tellei during the meeting. "Work on a language laboratory is underway and also a senior volunteer teacher (JICA volunteer) will be arriving on March 1st to help enhance our Japanese language program," President Tellei further stated.

President Tellei also said he welcomes students from Ryukyus University to visit PCC and pointed out that the newly established Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) might be of great interest to students from the University of Ryukyus majoring in marine biology or environmental science and interested in doing research work in Palau.

University of Ryukyus has an enrollment of about 8,000 students and offers scholarships to 20 foreign students every year and PCC could be considered for similar grants," offered Dr. Morita.

The meeting was a great success with the two presidents agreeing to have their deans of academic affairs write letters to officially formalize the working relationship and outline a working program between the Palau Community College and University of Ryukyus.



(l-r) Makoto Uda, Secretary General-Univ. of Ryukyus; Makoto Tsuchia, Professor-Univ. of Ryukyus; Alvina Timarong, PCC Dean of Academic Affrs.; Patrick Tellei, PCC President; Dr. Moshin Morita, Univ. of Ryukyus President; Willy Wally, PCC Dean of Continuing Ed.; Mario Katosang, PCC Vice Pres. of Educ. & Training.

Agricultural Science Program Has New Storage Building

For all vocational programs at the college, proper storage conditions for equipment is a necessity. When the Agricultural Science Program moved into its new nursery facility in January 2000, they quickly found out that their equipment storage area was not adequate. Limited resources, however, prevented construction of additional space at the time.

Earlier this year, construction on a storage building was completed beside the nursery. The (12 X 18 ft.) building will house the tillers, shredders, and other agriculture equipment and machinery that might otherwise be left outside to the elements.

Besides providing for a much more secure and spacious storage area, the new storage building will free up the nursery and thus,

allow students to work in the nursery under better better conditions and safety.

The equipment storage is just one of the latest in a series of improvements being made to the agricultural science curriculum and facilities under the college's 10 year strategic master plan.

These changes are being made to enable the program to better serve the needs and more importantly, entice students from Palau and the Micronesian region to pursue a degree in the agricultural science field.

Interested individuals are welcome to drop by and tour our agricultural science facilities.

(See picture on page 3)

RETENTION WEB PAGE

PCC Retention Office, Tel.#: 488-2471, ext. 247

Shining Stars For This Week

Congratulations to the following students who have successfully completed all 30 points of reading at the Project Beacon Reading Lab.

Gabriel Guluwron
Cynthia Tilimwar

Reading Lab Rules:

DO NOT come to the reading lab during class hours (even if class is cancelled, or releases early, and especially if you skip class. You will **NOT** receive any points for doing so!)

There will be **NO** eating, drinking, and chewing betelnut in the reading lab.

DO NOT write in the reading lab books (you will not be given any points if you do so.)

Turn in your books before you begin writing your reactionary papers. (Plagiarizing will not give you any points!)

Make sure that you are in the right reading level before you begin reading or doing your work. If you are not sure about your reading level, see Huan or one of the tutors to make sure. (If you do any work below you established reading level then you will not get any points!)

Use **PENCILS** only!! (DO NOT USE ANY PENS)

Taking a Course Again to Make-Up an "F" Grade

Beware!!! Many students think that getting an "F" from a course is fine because they can always repeat the same course and get a better grade to replace the "F" grade the next time around. While it is true that a course can be repeated, and that a student may fare better during the second attempt, it is misguided to believe that the second grade given, will replace the first. The only thing that may improve/change is the student's Grade Point Average (GPA), provided, the second grade is better than the first.

For example, if you took MA 100 and received an "F", your GPA will be 0.0. If you take it again and receive an A, which give you a 4.0 GPA, both grades will be computed giving you a cumulative GPA of 2.0. This means that your first grade of "F" from MA 100 would still show on your transcript.

Why should you worry about it? Because your transcript will either help or hurt your chances to transfer to a 4-Year college/ university or in getting a job after graduation. At this point, great care must be taken to make sure you attend all your classes regularly, study hard and be aware of the last day for all withdrawals. Good luck to all of you!



Reiko Kawamura (3rd from right), JICA volunteer with the PCC Agricultural Science Program surrounded by the workers who built the storage building (back). See story on front cover.

Academic Calendar Spring Semester 2001

February 20	T	Last Day to Remove Incompletes
March 5-9	M-F	Midterm Period
March 15	TH	Holiday: Youth Day
March 30	F	Last Day for all Withdrawals
April 13	F	Holiday: Good Friday
May 3	TH	Last Day of Instruction
May 4	F	Holiday: Senior Citizen's Day
May 7-9	M-W	Final Examination Period
May 11	F	Grades Due/ End of Spring Semester
May 18	F	Commencement Exercise/ Graduation

PALAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE Office of Admissions & Financial Aid ENROLLMENT SUMMARY SPRING SEMESTER 2001

ENTITIES	CLASS LEVEL				TOTAL	GENDER		TOTAL	REGISTRATION STATUS						TOTAL	STUDENT STATUS		TOTAL
	FR	SO	UNC	ENR		MALE	FEMALE		CONT	FT	RA	RET	TR	F.TIME		P.TIME		
PALAU	288	129	24	7	448	165	283	448	379	38	7	23	1	448	246	202	448	
YAP	27	27	0	0	54	41	13	54	53	0	1	0	0	54	38	16	54	
POHNPEI	3	1	0	0	4	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	4	
KOSRAE	10	2	0	0	12	5	7	12	10	2	0	0	0	12	10	2	12	
CHUUK	5	3	0	0	8	4	4	8	8	0	0	0	0	8	3	8	8	
MARSHALLS	3	1	0	0	4	2	2	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	4	
OTHERS	7	1	6	6	20	7	13	20	12	8	0	0	0	20	6	14	20	
SUB-TOTAL	342	164	30	13	550	232	318	550	470	48	8	23	1	550	308	242	550	
TOTAL																		

REGISTRATION STATUS:

CONT - Continuing Students
FT - First Time Students
RA - Readmitted Students
RET - Returning Students

OTHERS:

UNCLASS (UNC):

China = 2
Japan = 3
USA = 1

STUDENT STATUS:

F-Time - Full Time Students
P-Time - Part Time Students

ENRICHMENT(ENR):

China = 2
USA = 1
Japan = 3

CLASSIFIED STUDENTS:

Philippine = 1
Taiwan = 3
USA = 3
China = 1

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