

KSG Tour Guide Program Has New Tourism Training Manual



(l-r): Vicki Maui, Director, Tourism/Hospitality Program at PCC and PVA Board member, Ms. Junko Kobayashi, PCC language instructor and JICA Volunteer, Ms. Tzu Jen Wang, PCC language instructor, Ada Eledui, Director Koror State Conservation and Law Enforcement.

The Koror State Tour Guide Certification Course Program committee is happy to announce that the Tour Guide Training Manual is now available in English, Japanese, and Mandarin. This is possible because of the hard work and dedication of many volunteer translators. The Committee would like to give special acknowledgement to the following individuals: Ms. Tzu Jen Wang, a PCC language instructor, Mr. Rudy Ko, Ms. Junko Kobayashi, a JICA volunteer language instructor at the PCC, Dr. Hideki Yukihiro, a researcher at the Palau International Coral Reef Center, Eriko Yahagi, a JICA volunteer for PCC's Recreation Office, Ms. Manami Fukuda, a PCC student, Ms. Megumi Kaneko, Ms. Madoka Aizawa, Ms. Keiko Iguchi, Mr. Akihiro Nakahata, Mr. Takashi Mita, Ms. Yukari Okuto, Mr. Manabu Sasaki, and Mr. Nasuhiko Yamaguchi. These

volunteers assisted in translating a 150 page manual and certification questions for the Tour Guide Certification Program. This program is possible because of the initiative of Koror State Conservation and Law Enforcement and their many partners and friends including the Palau Conservation Society, Palau Community College, Palau Visitors Authority, the Nature Conservancy, C3, The Environment, Inc., Roll'em Productions, the Belau Tourism Association, the Japan Tourism Association and all the businesses and tour guides within Koror's tourism community. The tourism industry as a whole requested assistance to develop a certification program for Palau's tour guides. The goal of this program is to provide learning tools to better train tour guides who, in turn, will better serve our tourism community. The Tour Guide Committee would like to thank all our partners and friends for their ongoing assistance and support in our efforts. Palau is one of the top tour destinations in the world because of the unique beauty of our islands and the exceptional service we offer our guests.

Celebrating Birthdays

Jesus Christ	December 25
Hellen Imanuel	December 29
Marianne Mesengei	December 29

Happy Birthday To You!!!



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Job Opportunities at PCC!

PCC-Upward Bound Math and Science Program has the following job openings:

Positions:

- One (1) Science Tutor
- One (1) English Tutor
- Two (2) Math Tutors

Salary:

\$150 Bi/weekly for eight weeks
(Starting January 9, 2005, ending May 12, 2005 (from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm))

Job Qualifications:

1. College sophomore classification; Bachelor's Degree is preferred
2. Grade point average is 3.00 OR higher
3. Previous tutoring experience is preferred especially with TRIO Programs
4. Preference given to candidates who are from low income background and first generation college graduates

General Information

Applications forms can be obtained from PCC-Human Resource Division (HRD) or Upward Bound Math and Science Office. Submit completed application with official academic transcript, diploma, resume and verification of previous employment.



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PCC-SBA Donates Toys for Tots for Christmas



PCC staff and students pose with Minister Yano and Hospital staff.

PCC's Student Body Association (SBA) conducted toys for tots program for the Belau National Hospital (BNH) Children's Ward and the PCC Daycare Center. The SBA donated \$500 worth of new toys to over thirty children at the PCC Daycare, young patients in the children's ward and the BNH Children's playroom. The toys was personally delivered directly to the children who were extremely happy to get their Christmas presents early this year. The toys consisted of stuffed animals, games, puzzles, coloring books, building blocks and other educational toys. SBA members were welcomed by the



Children and staff from PCC Daycare pose with SBA and advisors.

staff and children from the PCC Daycare with warm smiles and some fun Christmas songs. Not to miss out on the Christmas spirit, the SBA members sang a special Christmas song for the children while the young children returned the favor by singing "Silent Night". Accepting the donation on behalf of the hospital were the honorable Dr. Victor Yano, Minister of Health, and Dr. Debbie Ngemaes-Maddison, Chief of Staff. During the presentation of gifts, Minister Yano thanked the PCC-SBA for their kindness and for sharing the Christmas spirit with their patients. Shelly Remengesau, SBA Secretary said, "We had a great time playing and interacting with kids, they were so cute. And to see the smiles on the children's faces made our efforts truly worthwhile and made us realize that the true spirit of Christmas is not about giving or receiving gifts, it's about sharing in the things that matter most, a warm smile, laughter and friendship." The College is proud of the SBA efforts and thanks them for initiating this very endearing cause and sharing the Christmas spirit.

PCC Christmas a Sweet Success



Even the older kids want to be with Santa.

Last Friday, PCC students and staff became Santa's elves as he graced the 'Bethlehem Park' after a wonderful performance by the King's Kids. Having anticipated a good-sized crowd, the College, with the help of the Tourism Club and Adult High School Student Body Organization prepared 1000 bags of candies and pencils to be given by Santa Claus. Santa was quite a big hit



These kids are all smiles.

with the little children, as long lines of children formed just to get a picture with good old Santa Claus. In addition, PCC provided picture taking services for those who wished to have their pictures taken with Santa. Those parents who had their children's picture taken may stop by the PCC Development Office and pick up their copy. The College would like to thank all the PCC students who volunteered as elves this year and especially the honorable Larry Miller, Supreme Court Justice for



PCC staff, students and their children pose with Supreme Court Justice Larry Miller who was this year's Santa. Thank you Judge Miller!



These kids got their Christmas wish list to Santa.

volunteering as PCC's jolly Santa Claus. The College would like to wish everyone a "HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

PCC Wishes Everyone a Merry Christmas

The Palau Community College would like to wish all our constituents: students, faculty, staff, board members, parents, friends, benefactors, donors, partners, associates, sister schools, colleagues, and everyone else a very merry Christmas full of happiness and quality time with friends and loved ones!

We are confident that you will continue to support PCC in the year to come, ensuring that Palau's students and those of the Micronesian region will have access to quality educational programs and services available at your college, Palau Community College. Together, you have made PCC what it is today, one of the best community colleges in the Pacific region. Thank you and Merry Christmas, one and all!!

Talent Search Enjoys A Day of Fun



ETS staff, and tutors pose with their students on the beach at Ulong Rock Island.

On December 10, 2005, Talent Search staff took their clients from Mindszenty High School and their tutors on a cultural field trip to Ulong for a well deserved rest and fun day. Thirty-one students signed up and went, along with their two tutors. The kids spent the entire day playing in the water, digging themselves into the sand and being serenaded by anyone who could play the guitar that was brought along. Before long, everyone got back into the boats and went to visit the "CEMETERY". Feeding the fish brought amazement onto the students' faces as a Napoleon Wrasse (Kemedukl) showed up to feed among the smaller fishes. It felt as if the boat would just tip over, as everyone tried to get a glimpse of this wondrous sight. A few brave souls jumped into the water to swim with the fishes. After leaving the Cemetery, they headed on to "SOFT CORAL" where they also swam with the few fishes and looked at the beautiful corals. They then proceeded to the shipwreck site and swam some more. After that they headed back to Koror, even though the students weren't ready to come back home. They came back, sun burned and tired, but refreshed and carefree, ready to meet the new week of studying and exams.

PSO Takes Fun Trip to Ngchus Rock Island



PCC students having a lunch break.



PCC staff member Eriko takes a break from weaving coconut fronds to pose with students.

The Palau Student Organization (PSO) in collaboration with the Student Body Association (SBA) hosted a trip to the rock island. SBA provided transportation, food and drinks for the fun filled rock island trip. Almost forty, students with their chaperones departed M-Dock at 9:00am on Tuesday (December 20, 2005). There were a total of 31 students and 4 PCC staff members including PSO Advisor, Midori Mersai. The students enjoyed playing volleyball, listening to music and swimming, while other

students climbed to the top of the rock island to enjoy the great scenic view. After a fun filled day of enjoying good food and frolicking in the ocean, PSO got right to business to discuss the future goals of the PSO and how they can help Palauan students succeed here at PCC. The meeting was focused on effective leadership and team work. McNale Yuri, said, "This rock island trip was an opportunity to bring Palauan students together to have fun, relax and enjoy themselves after a long semester of taking classes, tests and doing homework. But most of all, it was a chance for us to strengthen our friendship and reaffirm our goals of building a stronger, and more active Palau Student Organization." McNale added, "Although, we had a pretty good turn out and we had a lot

of fun, we want to invite all our Palauan students to participate in the future social activities of our organization." Officers of the PSO are McNale M. Yuri, President, Spencer Rufino, Vice President, Ramon Adelbai, Treasurer, and Paloma Swee as the PSO Secretary.

Bi-Weekly Donors Fill Your Forms To Get Your Refund!

All bi-weekly donors to the PCC Endowment Fund are reminded to come to PCC on December 28th, 2005 and complete their application packets, enabling them to get refunds for their donations. This reminder is for those who have not completed their packets.

Here are a few steps to help explain the filing process for your refund: Step one, fill out top portion of tax refund form and sign your name on the bottom. Step two, please bring a copy of your last check stub for pay period 26 of the 2004 Calendar year. Step 3, Bring completed form and a copy of your check stub to PCC on December 28th between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm at the PCC Courtyard and be treated to a light lunch and be eligible to win some wonderful prizes from our raffle drawing.

When your refund has been released, PCC will contact you and your refund may be picked up at the College. (If you do not have a form, call the PCC Development office 488-2470/2471 ext 253 and we will either deliver a tax form or fax one to your office.) Refund checks will take approximately one to two weeks to be processed. Remember, the sooner we file your application, the sooner you receive your refund!

BITS AND PIECES...

Report Cards and Testing for next week....

Attention, PCC students, report cards will be ready for pick up at the Registrar and Retention Office by this Friday, December 23, 2005. In addition, new and returning students who will be taking the placement test for English, Math, Science, TOEFL and Keyboarding are scheduled for the week right after Christmas so be sure to get your dates right and come in to PCC to take your placement test.

Tis the Season for a Real Good Reason to Rest.....

This Holiday Season, Christmas Day (December 25th) and New Year's Day (January 1st) both fall on a Sunday. In observance of these occasions which both fall on a weekend, Monday, December 26th and Monday January 2, 2006 will be observed as Christmas and New Year's Holidays. All Offices will be closed and only essential services will be provided during those days.

Library Holiday Hours.....

PCC Library hours from December 23rd til January 14, 2005 on Monday to Friday are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm., while the weekend hours will remain the same. The Library will be closed on December 25, 26, 2005, and on January 1 and 2, 2005.

Deepest Condolences to Sydney

The College would like to express our deepest condolences to Sydney Kemper, PCC staff member on the loss of her dear mother, Tosko Kintol. Our prayers and best wishes are with you during this very challenging time. From your family here at PCC.

PCC Bids Faculty Members a Warm Farewell



(l-r) Mr. Gachalian, Ms. Tzu-Ren Wang, Dean Timarong, and Ms. Kobayashi.

The College bid a warm farewell to Alex Gachalian, Instructor of Agriculture, Tzu-Ren Wang, Chinese Instructor, and Junko Kobayashi, Japanese Language Instructor by hosting a luncheon in their honor at the Diangel, Boat House, located at the Btelul a Chang ra Idederach. The luncheon was coordinated by the Office of Academic Affairs. Many PCC faculty members attended the event to bid farewell to their colleagues. Alvina Timarong, Dean of Academic Affairs and Sherman Daniel, Dean of Technical Education presented farewell gifts and certificates of appreciation on behalf of the College to the

former teachers. Dean Timarong, in her farewell remarks said, "On behalf of PCC I wish to express our deep appreciation to Mr. Gachalian, Ms. Kobayashi and Ms. Tzu-Ren Wang for your dedicated service to the College. Although this is a sad occasion for us to see you go, I hope you take comfort in knowing that you have touched so many lives here at PCC as friends and inspired so many students to pursue their dreams as teachers. You have made a difference with our students, our faculty and our community. And please do not forget that you will always have a family and a home here at the College. Good luck and God bless you all on your journey home." Mr. Gachalian will be returning to his home university in the Philippines. Ms. Junko Kobayashi, a volunteer from the Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA) will return home to Japan. Ms. Tzu-Ren Wang who was sponsored by the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to teach Chinese at PCC will return to her Taiwan to continue teaching at her home university.

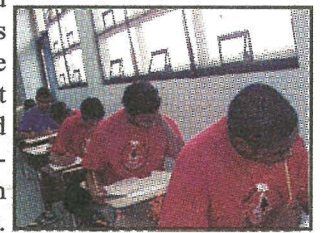
UB Students Take College Preparatory Tests



UB Students preparing for tests.

Upward Bound Program is utilizing different ACT Assessment Components as its Assessment tools for this project year 2005-2006. For example, the Upward Bound 11th & 12th Graders are using ACT Assessment Test while 10th Grade are using ACT PLAN, while 9th Grade are using ACT EXPLORE. ACT Assessment is structured to assess high school students (11th & 12th Graders) general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. ACT PLAN on the other hand, helps

10th Graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provides information needed to address Upward Bound's high-priority issues. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years. ACT EXPLORE is designated to help 9th Graders explore a broad range of options for their future. EXPLORE prepares students not only for high school coursework, but for their post-high school choices as well. It marks an important beginning for a student's future academic and career success. The pictures below were taken during the Saturday testing period of all Upward Bound students (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th Grades after taking the ACT Assessment, PLAN, & EXPLORE respectively.



UB students taking tests.



Happy UB students pose after finishing their exams.



This group of UB students are all smiles after their tests.