

## PNSB Conducts Workshop



PNSB Director Chur Oiph briefing UBMS Students.

The Upward Bound Math and Science Program conducted a workshop for its students earlier this month. The guest speaker for the workshop was Chur Oiph, Director of the Palau National Scholarship Board. Chur briefed the students on how to financially prepare for their future at a post-secondary institution by applying for scholarships. She also briefed the students on the various opportunities offered to Palau students who wish to apply for scholarships to attend college abroad. The workshop Chur conducted was informative and helpful as it gave UBMS students a better idea of how to apply for scholarships and better prepare themselves in pursuing their educational goals.

### *Ollachitnger* (Palauan Proverbs)

**A Sensond a mrecherechii a klengoes:** Even twigs can bring a large pot of fish soup to a boil (*Literal Translation*). Small actions together can accomplish great deeds (*True Meaning*).



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## JICA Sends CRE Staff to Training in Japan



Byron Tellei

Byron Tellei, an Aquaculture Technician at the PCC-CRE Department left earlier this week to attend a 4-month training in Yokohama, Japan. The training titled, "Sustainable Development II" will focus on sustainable methods and applications of aquaculture.

Mr. Tellei's training which is fully sponsored by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is just one of

the many training opportunities offered each year by JICA to Palau Community College.

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in the Pacific. Through an integrated curriculum of courses, the LS program provides a well-rounded course of study by balancing general education with industry-specific training. This combination will make students of the program better trained for current positions and better prepared for future positions in Micronesia's libraries. The LS degree offers library workers the skills, abilities, and educational background to provide access to knowledge and information in a variety of settings and to educate and enable users with information literacy skills.

The program also offers an avenue of formal education for our future generation of library staff and information workers. Students will be able to provide relevant user-centered services in a variety of information environments. The LS degree also teaches students about the role of the librarian or public information professional in advocating for access to knowledge. The LS program will provide skills for paraprofessionals in library services, such as:

- Customer service skills in addressing the information needs of the community
- Skills in assisting patrons in their unique information needs
- Skills in locating and recommending information resources for users
- Proficiency in organizing and managing a library collection
- Technical skills in cataloging and classification of resources
- Skills in processing and maintaining books, periodicals, media, and electronic resources
- Technical skills in basic information search and retrieval methods
- Writing and communication skills for a professional information environment
- Skills in task management and time management
- The ability to work in teams
- A commitment to lifelong learning through professional continuing education

For more information about the LS program or how to enroll, please contact Gretchen Reynolds at Palau Community College Library(488-3540) or the PCC Admissions Office at (488-2470/2471).



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## PCC Takes Second in Japanese Language Contest



PCC Students and their Instructor, Junko Kobayashi(r) pose with Takashi Mita of the Japan Embassy-Palau(l) after the competition.

The students from the Palau Community College took second place in the group category at the Nihon go Taikai or Japanese Language Competition held last Saturday at the PCC Cafeteria. The event included students from Mindzenty (MHS), Palau High School (PHS), Belau Modekngai High School, and PCC. MHS has won the event for the last three years in a row and their experience showed as they took first place again this year. Although, PCC students gave it their all, they were barely edged out by the Japanese language powerhouse, MHS. This is still an amazing feat for PCC students, considering it is their first time competing in this event.

The Japanese Language Competition has become a popular annual event, attracting more and more students each year from throughout Palau, bringing them together to share and enjoy their mutual appreciation and love for the Japanese language and culture. It was truly a fun filled event where students not only demonstrated their language skills, but also had the opportunity to meet new people and make friends. This annual competition has been held for the last four years. Beginning in 2001, the event was initiated by the Embassy of Japan in collaboration with the Japanese Language Teachers Association in Palau with the sole purpose of promoting Japanese culture and language through friendly competition as well as the cultural exchange programs between the Palauan and the Japanese community. Congratulations to PCC students and their instructor Junko Kobayashi for a job well done!

## PCC To Carry Scholarship in Honor of Carita Asanuma



In Memory of the Late Carita Asanuma

The College is honored to have the Carita Asanuma Scholarship established here at PCC. The scholarship was established by the family of the late Carita Asanuma as a tribute and living memory to one of Palau's brightest female scholars who died last year due to cancer. Although, Carita passed away at the young age of 31, she lived her life to the fullest and touched so many lives. This scholarship which bears her namesake keeps her memory alive by continuing to touch the lives of PCC students. Carita attended Koror Elementary School and the Palau Mission Academy and went on to receive her undergraduate degree in Australia and Masters Degree from Birmingham University in London. Carita was one of the first Palauans ever to receive a Masters Degree in International Relations. After college, she returned to Palau and served as the Director of the Koror State Public Land Authority. Carita is survived by her father, Kazuo Asanuma, mother Hiromi Asanuma, her brothers, sisters and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. During the presentation ceremony at the PCC Board Room, a \$500 check was presented by her mother, Hiromi Asanuma, sister, Leah Asanuma, and family member Risong Tarkong to PCC President Patrick U. Tellei. Thanking the Asanuma family on behalf of the College, President Tellei said, "I wish to thank the family of the late Carita Asanuma for continuing her legacy through this scholarship and for ensuring that her memory will live on. I personally knew Carita and she was a bright scholar who generously gave so much to her community, her family and her friends. She is a great role model for our students to emulate."

The scholarship criteria for the Carita Scholarship will announced at a later date and will be opened to PCC students for the Fall 2005 Semester.

## PCC Has New SBA Secretary



Kazue Sugiyama wins the election for PCC SBA Secretary

PCC would like to congratulate Ms. Kazue Sugiyama as the new PCC Student Body Secretary. The election results were as follows: Ilima Kloulchad—28 Votes and Kazue Sugiyama—40 Votes (unofficial winner). Ms. Sugiyama will be replacing Ms. Merii Ngiracheluolu who vacated the position to pursue a career in the U.S. Military. Ms. Sugiyama is a fulltime student majoring in Tourism and works part-time at the PCC Bookstore. The election was held last Friday, on February 18, 2004 at the Mesekiu Bai. Congratulations Ms. Sugiyama and best wishes for a bright and productive new year!

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## 2005 CRE Trainings More to Come, Vows Taro



Tom Josephson (2nd-left), Peace Corp Volunteer working for CRE poses with Ngarard Elementary Students.

Last month, the Interim Vice President of PCC-CRE, Mr. Thomas Taro, declared year 2005 as the "year of training" for CRE Staff. "This year we will be conducting a number of staff enrichment training, as well as offering educational training classes for elementary and high school students including community members through outreach programs," Thomas said. The following are some of the programs that have been conducted by the CRE Department:

**Soil Management Training:** In the month of January, CRE staff received training on soil management, fertility and erosion control in addition to the use of Palau Soil Survey maps, from Dr. Robert Gavenda and Robin DeMeo of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Seven participants came from Ngardmau, Ngaraard, Ngarchelong, Airai and Ngchesar state governments, one from Palau Community Action Agency, an employee from the Ministry of Education, one PCC student, and eleven were employees of the PCC-CRE Department. The training topics were: Palau soil properties, use of soil surveys, soil management, soil fertility, and erosion control. Lectures were conducted in the morning while field work was conducted in the afternoon.

**Babeldaob Science Class:** The Natural Resource Environmental Education Division (NREED) of CRE has been going to various elementary schools around Babeldaob to teach 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders about environmental studies and science. Tom Josephson and Dannies Uehara are leading the class, whose topics include geology, agriculture, watersheds, and water quality. Students are given a short lecture and then taken out into the field to conduct hands on activities such as soil and water quality testing, watershed management, and building volcanoes. So far we've gone to schools in Ngarchalong, Ngaraard, and Ngiwal and we hope to finish all of the states in Babeldaob by the end of the school year.

**Balance donated to CRE:** The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has generously donated an analytical balance to CRE. This balance will be used for tissue culture and germplasm research at the CRE- Research and Development station in Ngermeskang, Ngeremlengui. CRE would like to express profound appreciation to JICA for continuing to support our research labs with this equipment and many other important tissue culture supplies.

**Plants donated to the Southwest Island:** CRE has donated twelve *kingkang* (lemon tree) seedlings and Sunn Hemp seed bags to the states of the Southwest Islands. Ngeremlengui Elementary School students planted the seedlings last June as part of a CRE Summer Youth Science program. Mr. John Mengidab of Community Multipurpose Development visited the CRE R & D Station to transport the seedlings to the appropriate officials of the Southwest Islands. We hope that these trees provided to the southwest islands will soon yield fresh fruits.

**Taro Taste Test:** CRE welcomes back Dr. Lydia Marero as the Food Research Technologist. Part of Dr. Marero's job is to develop new local food products. On February 16<sup>th</sup> she showcased some of these foods to the Product Development Task Force of the Government of Palau, during a "taro taste test". The taro products included ice cream, pasta, chowder, steamed cakes, pancakes, *tama*, salad, bread, brownies, pie, muffins, cookies, and dry mixes. There were also ready-to-eat products like Taro slices, chunks, grates, puree, and fries. Rice mixes and hashbrowns were also prepared for the taste-test.

For more information about these programs please contact the CRE office at 488-2746/4983.

## BITS AND PIECES... PCC Student Invited to Tree Planting Project.....

The Palau Community College Student Body Association, PCC Environmental Club, PCC Agricultural Club in collaboration with the Palau Conservation Society are conducting a tree planting project at Ngerikiil, Airai this Saturday, February 26, 2005 from 9:00 am in the morning to the late afternoon.

PCC students who are interested may contact Anisa Hanser at the Project Beacon Office or SBA President at the SBA Office for more information. Lunch and refreshments will be provided to all participating students. In addition, transportation will be provided at 8:30 am at PCC's main parking lot. So if you want to help protect Palau's beautiful environment while making friends and meeting new people, be sure to participate in this worthwhile event this coming Saturday.

## Charter Day Softball Tournament .....

The 2005 PCC Charter Day Softball Tournament is fast approaching so get your team organized. The tournament will take place on March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 at the Meyuns Ball field. This year's tournament will be made up of two divisions, a Co-Ed and Masters Divisions. Minimum age limit for the Masters Division is 40. Due to limited number of slots available, all interested teams are encouraged to register as soon as possible. You may contact Eugene Uehara or Armstrong Debelbot at the Palau Community College, telephone number 488-2470/2471 for further information or registration. Registration fee is \$200 per team and all proceeds will go to the PCC Endowment Fund.

## PCC and AHS Alumni Donates to PCC.....

The College would like to thank Adult High School graduate and PCC Alumni Mitsuo Sugiyama for her donation of books, magazines and videos to the PCC Library. Ms. Sugiyama was one of the first AHS graduates to continue her studies at PCC and graduate with honors. She is a wonderful example of how PCC Alumni can demonstrate their school spirit by giving back to the community. Ms. Sugiyama owns her own Boat Charter business. Thank you Ms. Sugiyama!

## Custom Officers Conduct Demonstration



Custom Officers from the K-9 Drug Detection Unit pose with PCC staff and children from the PCC Daycare Center.

Division of Custom Officials from the Ministry of Finance conducted a demonstration for students from PCC's Criminal Justice Program and children from PCC Day Care. These officers were from a specialized investigative K-9 unit called the Detector Dog Unit. Heading this four-man unit is PCC alumni and Officer in Charge, Clint Mersai who was accompanied by Detector Canine Scout Officers, Clive Telei and Nicholas Aquino. The Dog Detector's name is "Livy". A drug

dog's alert in itself may be considered enough probable cause for a search warrant to be obtained. Livy is trained to find the scent of marijuana, and methamphetamine and can search buildings, vehicles, luggage and packages.

The officers conducted a mock drug screening and detection search to demonstrate the type of procedures and methods used by custom officers with the aid of the drug dog to detect illegal drugs transported to Palau. Custom officials also had a lecture and answered questions regarding the role and function of their unit. The demonstration itself was lively as Livy thrilled the crowd of students and children with her drug detection performance.

PCC Instructor Joan Philip who invited the officers said, "I wish to thank Officers Clint Mersai, Clive Telei and Nicholas Aquino for taking time out of their busy schedule to conduct such an informative and entertaining demonstration. Both my students and children from the PCC Daycare Center were delighted with the demonstration and learned a lot."

## Palau Community College Library Awarded UNESCO Assistance



(L-R) Dwight Alexander, Secretary General, National Commission for UNESCO, Laura Mangham, PCC Director of Learning Resources, Gretchen Reynolds, PCC Librarian, Masa-Aki Emesiochl, Chairman, National Commission for UNESCO.

Palau Community College received assistance from the UNESCO Participation Program in the amount of \$20,000. Through its strategies and activities, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) funds select programs and projects that fall in line with its international initiatives, including educational programs that establish new standards on vocational and technical education. The funds were awarded to assist the college in implementing its newly designed Library and Information Services degree, which will serve as a

certification program for current and future librarians in Palau.

Palau Community College's Library and Information Services degree is a new and innovative program scheduled to begin in Fall 2005. It will enable students to achieve an Associate of Science or an Associate of Applied Science in library and information services. The LS degree was designed by PCC Librarian Gretchen Reynolds and PCC Director of Learning Resources Laura Mangham to meet the educational needs of library aides and library support staff in Palau and surrounding regions, and it is the first degree of its kind



Members of the New Product Development Committee conduct taste test