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GERMAN VICE MINISTER HIGHLIGHTS CLIMATE COOPERATION DURING PALAU VISIT



During her visit to Palau for the 55th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in September 2026, German Vice Minister Bettina Hagedorn visited the Palau Atmospheric Observatory (PAO) in Koror, highlighting the growing partnership between Germany and Pacific Island nations on climate science and environmental research.

Vice Minister Hagedorn toured the specialized research station, which is operated by Germany's Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI) in cooperation with the University of Bremen and local partners, including Palau Community College (PCC) and the Coral Reef Research Foundation (CRRF).

On September 2, 2026, Vice Minister Hagedorn, assisted by Dr. Katrin Muller of AWI, took part in the launch of one of the observatory's high-altitude weather balloons.

The balloons can travel up to 30 km into the atmosphere and collect real-time data on temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind, and ozone concentrations.

The visit demonstrated the value of "science diplomacy" in connecting German and European research expertise with Pacific-led climate action and regional priorities. Local partners in Palau look forward to gaining further insights from future observations and research conducted at the Palau Atmospheric Observatory (PAO),



Dr. Muller with Germany's Vice Minister Hagedorn

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI WITH PRESIDENT OF EAST-WEST CENTER, MS. CELESTE A. CONNORS

President Tellei welcomed East-West Center President Celeste A. Connors during her visit to Palau, accompanied by her Senior Special Assistant, Zach Espino. The visit came as the East-West Center and its Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) hosted a special alumni gathering titled "Pacific Alumni: Perspectives from Palau," on the margins of the 55th Pacific Islands Leaders Forum in Palau.

The event featured three Palauan EWC alumni who shared their experiences and perspectives on Pacific leadership, the opportunities and challenges facing the region, and the role of partnerships in advancing Pacific priorities. President Connors moderated the panel, and invited President Tellei to join the discussion alongside Ms. Landisang Kotaro, Chief of Staff to the President of Palau and Mr. Kaleb Udui, former Minister, and now Director of Finance in Palau.

Pacific Leaders Explore a Stronger Regional Approach to Peace and Security



DISTINGUISHED GUEST SPEAKERS WITH PCC
PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI

One of the side events held during the 55th Pacific Islands Leaders Forum (PIF) focused on how the Pacific can strengthen regional cooperation and partnerships to move from strategic vision to practical implementation. Hosted by Palau Community College (PCC) and the Pacific Security College, the side event, “Towards a Region of Peace and Security: From Political Vision to Action,” was held on the evening of September 1, 2026, at the PCC Science Academic Building Amphitheater.

As PIF Secretary General Baron Waqa noted during the 2026 Pacific Peace and Security Dialogue, the priority now is to translate policy commitments into coordinated action. Distinguished speakers at the event included: The Honorable Paulson Panapa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Labor and Trade of Tuvalu; The Honorable Jennifer S. Olegeriil, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Palau; Dr. Manumatavai Tupou-Roosen, Head of School for Ecology and Resilience Development at Pasifika Communities University; Director Viliame Bovoro, Pacific Fusion Centre, Fiji; and Ms. Villaney Remengesau, the first person from

TH101 HANDS-ON LEARNING AT PAYLESS MARKET



TH 101 STUDENTS: CHERISH MOTLEY, JOSEPHA TELLEI, FLORA DISMAS, JUDAH RENGULBAI, LUSECH DISMAS, JACOB EWATEL, AND OMISONG SIKYANG WITH PCC INSTRUCTOR YOKO MORISAKI & BUTCHER MANAGER, MR. VICTOR.

On September 3, 2026, students enrolled in the TH101 Food Production & Sanitation course, accompanied by their instructor, Ms. Yoko Morisaki, visited Payless Market, located across from the PCC Mesekiu Gym, for a valuable hands-on learning experience.

During the visit, students learned from Butcher Manager Mr. Victor about Certified Angus Beef available at Payless Market. They explored a variety of meat cuts and gained insight into how different cuts can be prepared and used in various cooking methods.

This real-world experience gave students the opportunity to apply

concepts from their coursework, strengthen their guiding techniques, and develop a deeper understanding of food production practices.

The class extends its sincere appreciation to Store Manager Mr. Noel Villanueva for his generous support and for helping make this learning opportunity possible. Experiences such as this highlight the importance of connecting classroom instruction with the local community and provide aspiring hospitality professionals with practical knowledge and skills they can carry into their future careers. PCC commends Morisaki Sensei for her continued commitment to ensuring that students have opportunities to learn in real-life settings beyond the classroom.

→ *..Pacific Leaders cont'd..*

Palau and the Pacific to be elected to a United Nations human rights body, following her election to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The event concluded with closing remarks by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei.



TH101 STUDENTS WITH BUTCHER MGR. VICTOR

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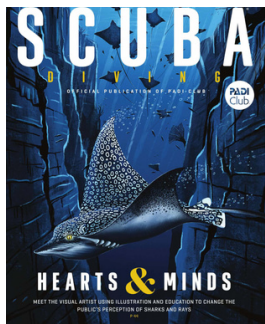
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Available To Interested

Readers:
SCUBA DIVING



Scuba Diving Hearts & Minds, an official publication of PADI Club features environmental artist and Ocean Ambassador Francesca Page and her "200 Sharks" project, which uses conservation artwork to challenge negative perceptions and promote awareness of vulnerable shark and ray species.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SEPT 07 (M)
LABOR DAY (HOLIDAY)

SEPT 30 (W)
**LAST DAY TO REMOVE INCOMPLETE
GRADES FOR SPRING 2026**

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251 OR 252.

ENSURE THAT A COMPLETE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED
TO THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

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ALUMNI NOTES

Owen U. Kilcullen



Owen U. Kilcullen earned an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Small Engine and Outboard Marine Technology from PCC in May 2025.


Celebrating Birthdays
 September 11 - September 17, 2026

**Mc Martinus
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Mesekiu's News welcomes stories/articles/announcements from students, faculty, and staff. Submission deadline is Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in hard and/or electronic copies to pccdev@palau.edu

Articles from MOC/PCC Alumni are also welcome. Please call 488-2470/2471 (extensions 251 or 252) for more information.

Welcoming the Newest Addition to the PCC Family

SY 2025-2026 newly hired members are: Ms. Ikela M. Jamila, Ms. Orenge K. Kikuo, Mr. Casey Daniel, Mr. Matthew Yanruw, Mr. Siama R. Misturu, Mr. Meltel Dantye Dodd, Mr. Keonie V. Yalwairh, Mr. Valor H. Kyota, Mr. Blesam Ngiltii, Ms. Ashley R. Umetaro, Mr. Landon K. Sewralur, Ms. Chieh Shieh 'Jessie', Ms. Evlin Kinian, Mr. Crane B., Moses, Ms. Journee Immanuel, Ms. Christabel A. Ghewony, Ms. Rose E. Chamberlain, and Mr. Franco Oiterong.

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