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NOONTIME SEMINAR WITH DR. NAOYUKI YOSHINO



DR. NAOYUKI YOSHINO (FRONT, 1ST FROM LEFT) WITH PCC PRESIDENT, FACULTY, STAFF, & STUDENTS

On September 21, 2026, Dr. Naoyuki Yoshino, Professor Emeritus of Economics at Keio University and a member of Palau's Economic Advisory Group (EAG), recently shared insights on what he proposes as the best way to circulate Palau's savings within Palau.

A key point of Dr. Yoshino's presentation was the current flow of savings deposited into banks in Palau: 8% of savings deposits remain on island, while 92% is invested outside of Palau.

Funds raised through Savings Bonds would go directly to the Republic of Palau's Ministry of Finance (MOF), which would then pass the funds to the National Development Bank of Palau (NDBP). The goal is to connect local savings with local investment, development, and economic opportunity.

Savings bonds would allow the NDBP to access stable local funding and, in turn, offer lower interest rates for housing and small-business loans. More affordable housing loans can improve the financial well-being of local families, while lower small-business lending rates could encourage more young Palauans to pursue entrepreneurship and "turn their business dreams into reality."

The issue of pension fund reserves presents another important consideration. It would be ideal if the number of retirees would decline while the number of younger people in the workforce increases. However, extending the retirement age while strengthening pension reserves may be more feasible. Savings bonds could provide a relatively safe way to invest local funds while building stronger financial reserves over time.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI WITH MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH DIVISION OF NIPPON KAIGI AND MR. KAIPO RECHEUNGEL

A group of six students from Nagasaki University, who are also members of the Youth Division of Nippon Kaigi, visited Palau Community College (PCC) on September 22, 2026 as part of an educational and historical research visit to Palau.

During their visit to Palau, the students paid their respects to those who lost their lives during World War II and sought to learn from individuals with knowledge of Palau's history during the period of Japanese administration.

Following an interview with former President H.E. Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., the students visited Palau Community College (PCC) to interview President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei on his perspectives of the Japanese administration era and how the history and relationship between Palau and Japan are preserved and passed on through education and the community.

Campus Construction Project



CTE STUDENTS & PCC STAFF AT TEMEKAI BLDG.

Construction work on the former Science classrooms and laboratory at the Temekai Building took place on September 22, 2026, as part of Palau Community College's ongoing efforts to improve and expand campus facilities to better accommodate classroom and training needs.

Students from the Palau Community College Construction Technology Education (CTE) program played an important role in the project, working alongside construction workers and staff from the PCC Physical Plant Division.

Among their responsibilities was assisting with the preparation, division, and transportation of cement mixtures. Their participation provided a valuable opportunity to apply the construction skills and knowledge they have gained through their training in a real-world setting.

Adding to the significance of the project, the fourteen (14) CTE students were guided by four former CTE students who have successfully earned their Certificates of Completion and are now employed at PCC.

Their involvement demonstrates the continuing impact of the CTE program, with former students returning to share their knowledge,

Renowned Oceanographer Shares Insights of Palau in the Era of Global Environmental Change



DR. CHEN-TUNG ARTHUR CHEN (FRONT ROW, 2ND FROM LEFT) WITH ATTENDEES OF NOONTIME SEMINAR

Students, faculty, and staff of Palau Community College (PCC) along with students and teachers from Palau High School (PHS) had the opportunity to listen to one of the world's top 20 oceanographers, Dr. Chen-Tung Arthur Chen during a special noontime seminar on September 22, 2026.

Although marine chemistry is Dr. Chen's area of expertise, his presentation went beyond the chemistry of the ocean. He provided an overview of global warming, ocean acidification, and sea-level rise, emphasizing how these interconnected issues affect islands such as Palau. Dr. Chen began by explaining the role of greenhouse

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skills, and experience with the next generation.

PCC commends and proudly recognizes the dedication and hard work of its CTE students, instructors, and Physical Plant Division staff.

gases and Earth's atmosphere. He described how the atmosphere naturally traps and retains some of the heat from the Sun that is absorbed by Earth's surface, helping maintain temperatures suitable for life. However, he explained that human activities—particularly the burning of fossil fuels—have increased the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. This increase in greenhouse gases contributes to the rising global temperatures and setting off a chain of interconnected environmental changes: melting of ice caps, sea-level rise, coral bleaching, and increasingly frequent and unpredictable weather patterns. These changes are being felt locally as well, including the ongoing watch for El Niño conditions, which are projected to last longer than before. His discussion reinforced what students are learning in the classrooms about the causes and effects of global warming and climate change on local island communities like Palau.

BITS AND PIECES

TAN SIU LIN PCC LIBRARY

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday
7:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Closed On Sundays

*Closed on National Holidays

For more information, call:
488-3540

Online magazine available thru FLIPSTER



WOODSMITH MAGAZINE offers step-by-step woodworking project plans, complete with detailed illustrations, for woodworkers of all skill levels—from beginners to advanced craftsmen. With clear, practical guidance, the magazine makes it easy for readers to develop their skills and take on projects with confidence. For assistance accessing or using this resource, visit the PCC Tan Siu Lin Library.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SEPT 07 (M)
LABOR DAY (HOLIDAY)

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

CENTURY OF BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES



2026-2027 PCC BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLY NOW!

DAVID W. SHIPPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
DEBBIE O. NGIRAIBAI BUSINESS ACCOUNTING SCHOLARSHIP
DR. JOEL E. MILES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
JAN STANISLAW KUBARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
KAZUO PETER MIYASHITA CENTENARIAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
MATSON NAVIGATION COMPANY INC. SCHOLARSHIP
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WILHELM R. RENGIL SCHOLARSHIP
YAMAZAKI RENGIL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS ARE ACCESSIBLE ON THE PCC WEBSITE AND AT THE PCC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH PCC, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AT 488-2470 OR 2471, EXTENSIONS 251 OR 252.

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

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Vacancy Announcement

- (1) *Bookstore Clerk*
Bookstore
Salary Range: \$10,101 - \$17,983 per annum
- (2) *Library Assistant - Two (2x)*
PCC Library
Salary Range: \$7,800 - \$13,852 per annum
- (3) *Field Assistant - Two (2x)*
Cooperative Research & Extension
Salary Range: \$7,800 - \$13,852 per annum

For more vacancies and to apply,
 please visit:
<https://pcc.palau.edu/about/jobs-pcc/>

"PCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

Interested in learning transferrable media and marketing skills? Volunteer with the PCC Development Office. Stop by at the Dort building to sign-up.

Celebrating Birthdays September 25- October 01, 2026



Jeana Borja

Ladrack E. Ngedebuu

ALUMNI NOTES



Adrian Ililau earned an Associate of Science in Environmental/Marine Science from PCC in 2021 and was recently featured in the Young Pacific Leaders Spotlight as a Palauan Olympic athlete, U.S. Coast Guard Academy graduate, and emerging maritime security leader.

PCC ENDOWMENT

**INVEST IN THE FUTURE
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If you want to join the Bi-Weekly Allotment Program, **Contact Us Now!**



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.

PCC 2026 Campus Safety and Security Survey Results



Annual Security & Fire Safety Report for 2025

PCC Security Services
 PCC has a Security Unit comprised of one security supervisor and several security officers. These personnel provide security services to PCC properties and personnel and students, including PCC patrons during their working hours. The Security Unit is within the Physical Plant division of the College under the Administration & Finance department.

Working Relationship of PCC Security Unit with Local Law enforcement Agencies
 PCC Security Unit, under the Administration & Finance Department of PCC, works closely with the Bureau of Public Safety (BPS) of the Palau Ministry of Justice (MOJ) during incidents that occur within the PCC premises, or involve PCC properties, students, and personnel. There is no written agreement or Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the PCC and MOJ for the investigation of alleged criminal offenses.

Statement of Policy Encouraging Accurate and Prompt Reporting of Crimes
 It is the policy of Palau Community College to encourage accurate and prompt reporting of any and all crimes to campus security personnel as well as to the Bureau of Public Safety. As such, PCC has in place Incident Forms that help individuals (personnel, students, patrons) to write/describe incidents that they are involved in or to which they are a witness.

Crime Statistics for 2025, 2024, and 2023
 Crime Statistics gathered by Palau Community College required to be reported for the years 2023, 2024, and 2025 are now complete.

Fire Safety Report for On-Campus Housing
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Notice of Availability of Report
 The 2025 Campus Safety and Security Survey Report for Palau Community College is available in the Office of the Vice President for Administration & Finance. The report provides number of occurrences of crimes or fires, if any, during the reporting period. To request a paper copy of the Report, please contact the Vice President for Administration & Finance at PCC telephone number (680) 488-2471, extension 263. Once the PCC data have been submitted and reviewed, the general public may view them at <http://pccdev.palau.edu/campusafety>.

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