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NOONTIME SEMINAR WITH DR. KOICHI TAKASE



“Money, Money, Money! What comes to mind when you hear the word “money?” This is the question Dr. Koichi Takase posed to PCC staff and students who attended his lecture on September 29, 2026. Dr. Takase, who earned his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Waseda University in Japan and his PhD from Boston University, introduced the concept of money by taking the audience back to a time before money was commonly used—when people relied on barter, exchanging one good or service directly for another. He offered a simple example: imagine a fisherman who wants to buy taro from a farmer. The fisherman has fish to trade, but the farmer does not want fish. How, then, can the two reach an agreement that benefits them both? This example illustrated an important challenge of barter

known as “double coincidence of wants.” Meaning, for a direct exchange to happen, each person must want what the other person has. Dr. Takase explained that money helps solve this problem. If the fisherman can sell his fish to someone who wants fish and receive money in return, he can then use that money to purchase taro from the farmer. In this way, money creates a **“maximum probability of transaction”** by breaking one difficult barter exchange into two simpler exchanges. From this example, Dr. Takase expanded the discussion to the history of money, its functions, and the factors that determine its value. He concluded by asking: “So what makes money “money”?” His answer centered on three key ideas: function, trust, and acceptance.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



CNMI WOMEN'S AFFAIRS OFFICE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, MRS. BARBARA T. SABLAN WITH PCC PRESIDENT DR. TELLEI

Barbara T. Sablan, Special Assistant for Women’s Affairs in the Office of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), visited Palau Community College (PCC) while in Palau to attend the 33rd Mechesil Belau Conference (Women’s Conference). During her visit, Sablan met with PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and presented a framed honorary tribute message honoring the life and legacy of the late Master Navigator Mr. Sesario Sewralur.

The tribute expressed sincere condolences to Sewralur’s family on behalf of the CNMI and recognized his remarkable legacy, leadership, and lifelong dedication to traditional Micronesian voyaging and celestial navigation. The tribute was signed by Mr. Felix R. Nogis, Executive Assistant of the Carolinian Affairs Office, and CNMI Governor Hon. David M. Apatang. Mesulang, Gov. Apatang and the CNMI community.

Honoring Years of Dedication & Service



SEATED IN FRONT: MS. VERNICE YUJI (LEFT)
AND MS. HILDA REKLAI (RIGHT)

On September 25, 2026, Palau Community College (PCC) hosted a special luncheon honoring the College's most recent retirees: Dean of Student Services Ms. Hilda Reklai, who dedicated 21 years of service to PCC, and Faculty/Science Instructor Ms. Vernice Yuji, who served the College for 27 years.

The luncheon celebrated their many years of dedicated service and their valuable contributions to PCC's mission, students, and campus community. Faculty, staff, and members of the PCC community gathered to express their appreciation and recognize Ms. Reklai and Ms. Yuji for their commitment, hard work, and lasting impact on the institution.

PCC extends its sincere gratitude to Ms. Reklai and Ms. Yuji and wishes them both a fulfilling, rewarding, and well-deserved retirement.



A Visit Through History: Granddaughter of Former MOC Director Visits PCC



MS. BREE MARSH (3RD FROM L-R) WITH PCC PRESIDENT DR. PATRICK U. TELLEI

As Palau Community College (PCC) continues its year-long celebration of 100 Years: From Mokko to PCC, the college recently welcomed a special visitor whose family history is closely connected to its story. Ms. Bree Marsh, granddaughter of Mr. Norval Marsh, paid a visit to PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and toured the campus where her grandfather once served as a leader.

Mr. Norval Marsh served as Director of the Micronesian Occupational Center (MOC) from 1970 to 1972, a significant period in the institution's development. During her visit, Ms. Marsh was given an overview of PCC's historical journey, tracing the institution's roots from Mokko Totei Yoseijo during the Japanese Administration. During the Trust Territory of the United States period, the institution evolved into Palau Intermediate School, followed by Palau Vocational School, and later the Micronesian Occupational Center, which continued until 1977. From 1978 to 1993, the institution operated as Micronesian Occupational College

before becoming Palau Community College, the institution known today.

Ms. Marsh graciously agreed to a short interview by Ms. Sharinna Kioshi and Ms. Leis Illek, members of the Community & Alumni Subcommittee. During the interview, she shared that she has been learning more about Palau with the guidance of her uncle, Henio Marsh. He has been showing Ms. Marsh and her husband around Palau, helping them become acquainted with their family on island and learn more about their family's connection to the country. Her journey eventually brought her to PCC, where she had the opportunity to see firsthand the institution her grandfather once directed. According to Ms. Marsh, her grandfather was a very "hands-on" person whose involvement went beyond overseeing projects and responsibilities; taking part in the work, including helping with the construction of the College's track. PCC appreciates Ms. Marsh for taking the time to visit, for sharing her grandfather's story and looks forward to welcoming her back.

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BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE

The October 2026 issue celebrates 250 years of U.S. independence with a special focus on American music. It explores 25 significant moments in American music history and highlights pianist Yulianna Avdeeva, whose new Liszt recital album on Pentatone receives top honors. The issue also features Liszt's Piano Sonata in B minor and other expressive works.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

OCT 01 (TH) - INDEPENDENCE DAY
OCT 05 - 09 (M-F) : MIDTERM PERIOD
OCT 23 (F): UN DAY (OBSERVED)
OCT 24 (SAT) : UN DAY HOLIDAY
OCT 30 (F) : LAST DAY TO REMOVE
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SPRING 2026

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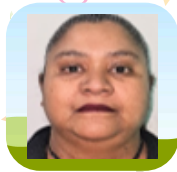


MR. SOTA ONO WITH PCC STUDENTS & FSA PRESIDENT

Mr. Sota Ono, a fourth-year undergraduate student from Tohoku University in Japan, recently visited Palau to learn more about the longstanding relationship between Japan and Palau, particularly during the South Seas Mandate period. During his visit, Ono reflected on how fortunate he was to meet FSA President, Mr. Howard Charles and his students. What began as a chance encounter turned into a meaningful experience that allowed him to witness firsthand the kindness of the local people and granted the opportunity to learn about the historical structures on campus connecting PCC and Palau's history with Japan.

Celebrating Birthdays

October 02 - October 08, 2026



Leilani Miko



Maria
Rangel



Miano
Sowraenpiy

ALUMNI NOTES



Ikela Uro-Canete earned an Associate of Science in Business Administration Degree in 2020. She works with the Capital Improvement Program and was recently featured as part of the Young Pacific Leaders spotlight initiative by the U.S. Embassy.

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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.

PCC-CRE Promotes Sustainable Agriculture at the 33rd Mechesil Belau Conference

On September 30, 2026, PCC Continued Research & Extension (PCC-CRE) set up an educational display at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center during the 33rd Mechesil Belau Conference. The display featured an array of educational posters, giveaway stickers, and a variety of plants for enthusiastic farmers. CRE Vice President Dr. Christopher Kitalong and Director Lyndon Masami were also present to support the team and help promote PCC-CRE's ongoing efforts toward sustainable agriculture.

