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Rongorongo Man Ami Tautaeaka

World's Largest Marine Protected Area establishes Trust

RMAT(OB)—Earlier this week, in the capital of the atoll nation of Kiribati – Tarawa, the inaugural meeting of the Phoenix Islands Protected Area Conservation Trust (PIPA Trust) was being held.

The collaborating partners of Kiribati's PIPA – Conservation International and New England Aquarium converged with counterparts in the country last Wednesday, 17 March 2010 to launch the inaugural establishment of the PIPA Trust Board.

The meeting inaugurated the founding directors of the PIPA Trust Board namely Mr. Bud Ris representing the New England Aquarium, Dr. Greg Stone representing Conservation International and the Honourable Amberoti Nikora representing the Government of Kiribati.

“Tonight we celebrate yet another

important milestone in the development of the Phoenix Islands Protected Area. Last year, after signing the Phoenix Islands Protected Area Conservation Trust Bill into a law, Kiribati is provided with the legal basis for, among others, the establishment of the Trust that would serve as a long term financing vehicle for the sustainable management and operations of PIPA and its resources.” President Anote Tong remarked in his speech during the launching of the Trust last Wednesday.

With the establishment of the Trust Board, the directors will be tasked with overseeing the management and operations of the Trust in a fully transparent and accountable manner. An important task of the Board is to ensure that the three (3) key commitments of the Trust are met, i.e. in meeting the costs of managing PIPA,

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Ai \$563,465,375.75 ngkai mwaitin am Mwane n Tania



R M A T (O B) — Mwaitin ngkai ana Mwane n Tania Kiribati e tei iaon \$563,465,375.75 te mirion n tokin te namwakaina ae Tianuare 2010, e taku te ribooti man te Botaki ibukin te Mwane ao

Karikirake.

Inanon te tuana n ririki (banen Tianuare 2009 nakon banen Tianuare 2010) ao e oti man te ribooti aio bwa iai te kerake n te mwaiti ae \$4.96 te mirion n ana mwane n tania Kiribati. Irarikin anne ao e oti naba n te ribooti aio bwa iai te bwaka n te mwane n Tania n te mwaiti ae \$7.45 te mirion inanon te tuana n namwakaina are man Ritemba 2009 nakon Tianuare 2010.

N tokin te ririki ae Tianuare 2009, ao uoua rabwata i tinaniku aika HSBC ao Nikko AM ake

a tararua ao man karikirakea ana mwane n Tania Kiribati n te mwaiti ae \$285.02 te mirion iroun HSBC ao \$278.44 te mirion iroun Nikko AM.

“Inanon te tai ae banen Tianuare 2009 ni karokoa banen Tianuare 2010 ao e a tia ni kerake ana mwane Kiribati are e karinna iroun HSBC n te mwaiti ae \$9.86 te mirion. Inanon te tuana n namwakaina are man Ritemba 2009 nakon Tianuare 2010 ao e a tia ni manga bwaka te mwane n tania are inanon bain

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in meeting the costs of managing the Trust and, to ensure that the reverse licensing concept through which the Government is compensated for closing off the area from being fished.

“Ladies and gentlemen, together with our PIPA partners and all those who have helped us in one way or another to progress this concept, we have come a long way. But

the journey does not end here. Much more work needs to be done to realize our collective aspirations when we began this journey. A journey that we hope will bring much to humanity and to us. In this journey we look forward to the continued support of those who have helped us in the past and the support of new partners in the future... to all of you, I express my profound thanks.” President Tong concluded in his remarks.

Kiribati established

the world’s largest marine protected area, PIPA in 2008. Conserving one of the Earth’s last intact oceanic coral archipelago ecosystems, the 408,250 square kilometer protected area is truly a gesture that Kiribati is a leader in global conservation - allowing oceans and marine ecosystems to continue their natural role of sequestering atmospheric carbon that causes global

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HSBC n te mwaiti ae \$4.43 te mirion.” E taku ana ribooti te Botaki ni Mwane.

“Mwaitin te mwane n tania inanon bain Nikko AM inanon banen Tianuare 2009 ni karokoa banen Tianuare 2010 e oti bwa iai te kerikaaki n te mwaiti ae \$4.89 te mirion. E oti naba nte ribooti bwa man te mwane are e karikirakea Nikko AM ao iai te bwaka ni katoa namwakaina man

Tianuare 2009 ni karokoa Tianuare 2010 n te ikota ni mwaiti ae \$3.02 te mirion.

Ni botan te mwaiti n tania ni banen Tianuare 2010, ao e matata ngkanne bwa e a tia ni bwaka ana mwane Kiribati n te mwaiti ae 1.80 te katebubua (%) man Ritemba 2009. E reitia n taekinna te ribooti aio bwa oin bukin bwakan ana mwane n tania Kiribati e boboto iaon kerikaakin te mwakete n te ‘equity’ i Aotiteria ao n te aonnaba ae bwanin.

Waaki te Betebeke ma aia bwabwaro taan kairiri nakon taai aika ana roko

RMAT(OB)—E riaon tebuabua (100) mwaitia taan mwakuri man botaki ao rabwata nako aika kakaoro iaon te Betebeke, a waaki ngkai inanon aia bwabwaro ae atuunaki bwa te Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue.

Imwin te botaki ni kaukuki are e karaoaki n te wiiki ae nako iaon Samoa, ao a tia taan mwakuri aikai – ake a kantaningaaki bwa ngaia taan kairiri (future leaders) nakon taai aika a na roko, ni maenako ni kakioi aaba aika

kakaokoro iaon te Betebeke ibukin karaoan aia kamatebwai ke aia study tours.

Ni moan te wiiki aio ao a roko tengaun ma temanna kain te bwabwaro aio iaon Tarawa ibukin karaoakin aia study tour iaon

Kiribati. E kainaki te tiim aio irouia kain aaba aika Aotiteria, Biiti, Niu Tiran, Babua Niukin, Tamoa ao ai Tonga. Raoia ake tabeman inanon aia bwabwaro aio a tia ni katannakoaki bwa ana karaoi aia study tours

n 9 riki aban te Betebeke aika kakaokoro.

Mataniwin te EPLD iaon Kiribati ae Mr. Taam Biribo, e a tia n taekinna nakon RMAT n te Katenibong ae nako, n ana botaki ni butimaai are e karaoia i Ambo, bwa

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Waaki te Betebeke ma aia bwabwaro taan kairiri nakon taai aika ana roko

taian study tours n aron ae e roko iaon Tarawa ngkai bon ngaia 'riin-nukan' te bwabwaro ni kataneia i aiao ibukia taan kairiri nakon taai aika a na roko.

"Te study tour ma ana maroro ake e na karaoi ma rabwata ke botaki aika kakaokoro e boboto iaon itera ke kakaewenako ake e kaitara ngkai ma ngaia te Betebeke. Ni kaineti ma ana boto-n-iangō te EPLD n te ririki aei ao e na reke aia tai kain te bwabwaro aio n ongoraeakina ao man kamatebwaia ao n tibwai naba rabakuia iaon itera aikai n reitaki ma kakaewenako ake a riki iaon abaia aika kakaokoro." E taku riki Taam.

Aio bon ana kauoua ni bwabwaro te EPLD imwin te moan are e karaoaki inanō 2006. Ana boto-n-iangō are e kateaki n te ririki aio bon "Navigating our Future Together" ao aio are e na rangi ni boboto iai kanoan taian study tours n aron ae karaoaki ngkai iaon Kiribati.

Inanon rokon te study

tour team aio iaon Kiribati ao e na reke aia tai ni maroro ma botaki n te Tautaeaka ao rabwata riki aika kaokoro iaon Tarawa ao man maroroakini itera n aron sustainable development, regional cooperation and infrastructure, good governance, environment, education, science, health ao a mwaiti riki.

Kain te bwabwaro aio bon tabeman mai ibuakoia e riaon 100 taan mwakuri man te Tautaeaka ao kambwana man aban nako te Betebeke aika a kakaokoro, ake a tia n rineaki mai ibuakoia 600 taan kan rineaki. Iai teniman kain Kiribati aika a reke ibuakon ao ae a ira ngkai kanoan te te bwabwaro aio.

E na kainaki te bwabwaro aio nakon te wiiki ae e na roko iaon Tonga ike e kantaningaaki iai rokon Her Royal Highness Princess Anne bwa e na ongoraeakina kanoan mwin te bwabwaro aio.

Ends./

Bobonga ana katauraoi Kiribati imwain rokon Kautun Taiwan



Ana Ambaetita Taiwan, HE Benjamin Ho ma Tia Koroboki n MFAI, Tessie Lambourne n tain aia 'rehearsal' inanō te wiiki aio imwain rokon Kautun Taiwan iaon Kiribati

RMAT(OB)—E a tia te Tautaeaka ni katea ana komete are e na tabe ma te katauraoi imwain rokon ana Beretitenti Taiwan ae Ma Ying-jeou iaon Kiribati.

Rokon Beretitenti Ma Ying-jeou aio bon kanoan ana waaki te Tautaeaka n Taiwan ibukin kamatoan riki ana reitaki ma aaba ke Tautaeaka ake a iraorao ke n reitaki ma ngaia. Iaon te Betebeke ao bon onoua aaba ke Tautaeaka aika a kina Taiwan n aron Kiribati, Matiare, Nauru, Palau, Toromon ao ai Tuvalu.

E taekinna Tia Koroboki Tessie Lambourne man aobitin Reitaki ma Tinaniku ao Boborau, are ngaia are e a tia ni katabeaki bwa e na tararua te komete aio, bwa e a kaman waaki te mwakuri ni katauraoi mai inanō moan te namwakaina ae nako, Beberuare.

"Ana katauraoi te

komete e a bon moanna nrorokōn tokina moarara ngkai e a uakaan riki te tai ao ai bon ti nikoan bwaai aika uareke bwa e aonga n nakoraoi ara katauraoi imwain kawaran abara." E taekina riki Nei Tessie.

Kanoan te roko aio, are e ataki naba n arana ae te State visit, e na kakoauaki iai rokon Beretitenti Ma Ying-jeou iaon Tarawa n bwakantain te Moanibong ae e na roko, 22 n Maati 2010, ike e na matu iaon Tarawa te bongina ao man kibanako naba n ana waanikiba nte ingabong are imwina.

"N rokon naba Beretitenti Ma Ying-jeou aio ao e na raonaki irovia kain ana tiim aika waningaun ma waniman (88) n aroia aikai - Mataniwin ana rabwata Taiwan iaon tararuaan te rau ma te mweraoi (Secretary General of the National Security

Council), te Minita ibukin Reitaki ma Tinaniku, te Minita ibukin Ununiki, Minita ibukia kain te Aba (Indigenous Minister), Minita ibukin Kuakua, te Minita ibukin Rongorongon Tautaeaka (Government Information) n raonaki ma niiman (5) taan Tei n ana Auti n Tei Taiwan ao ai waniman (8) riki bwakuakun te Tautaeaka n Taiwan." E taku riki Nei Tessie nakoia taan kareke-rongorongō n ingabongin te Kauabong ae nako.

E reitia naba n taku te Tia Koroboki aio bwa kain naba ana tiim Beretitenti Ma Ying-jeou bon ana 'support staff', taan tararua te Beretitenti (security staff), te kurubu ni mwaie ao 35 taan kareke-rongorongō mai Taiwan.

Ni moan rokon Beretitenti Ma Ying-

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RERF value now stands at \$563,465,375.75 end January 2010

RMAT(OB)—The value of Kiribati's Revenue Equalization Reserve Fund now stands at \$563,465,375.75 at the end of January 2010, a report from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development says.

On an annual performance, the value of the RERF reflects a \$4.96 million increase or 0.89 percent from the period of end-January 2009 to end-January 2010 however, on a monthly performance (over the one month period of end-December 2009 to end-January 2010) the value of the fund showed a drop of \$7.45 million, the report added.

At the end of January 2009, the Kiribati RERF managed by HSBC and Nikko AM are \$285.02 million and \$278.44 million respectively.

Funds managed by HSBC, on an annual performance (end-January 2009 to end-January 2010), has seen an increase of \$9.86 million or 3.58 percent. However, on a monthly basis (over the one month period from end-December 2009 to end-January 2010), the value of funds managed by HSBC decreased by \$4.43 million or 1.53 percent." The Finance report stated.

"Nikko AM on the other hand, at end-January 2010 showed a decrease of \$4.89 million or 1.73 percent from the January 2009 level. On a monthly basis, this reflects a decrease of \$3.02 million or 1.07 percent from December 2009 to January 2010." The report further adds.

The overall performance of the Kiribati RERF (at the end of January 2010) shows a decrease by 1.80 percent over the December 2009 figure. The report further stated that the decrease was due mainly to the fall in both the World ex-Australian and the Australian equity components which delivered negative returns in line with the global equity markets which, in return, reversed some of the market gains made in December 2009. However, some of these losses in equities were made up by the gains made in the bond portfolio and the weakness of the Australian dollar.

Bobonga ana katauraoui Kiribati imwain rokon Kautun Taiwan

jeou i Bonriki n oin ana wanikiba ao e na kairaki ana kaa irouia bureitiman ike a na raunia aon Tarawa n norii mwin ana buoka Taiwan nakon Kiribati iaon Tarawa n aron te Technical Mission are i Ambo, te Bairiki Square, te Sports Complex are i Betio ao a mwaiti riki.

E taekinaki naba n ana maroro te Tia Koroboki aio bwa imwin aio ao e na okirikaaki Beretitenti Ma Ying-jeou nakon te Reuben K. Uatiao stadium i Bairiki ike e na kaitibo iai ma kautabona ae

Beretitenti Anote Tong. Ana kaai n anganaki karineia Beretitenti aika uoman aika irouia bureitiman ike a waaki naba ma aia maroro (bilateral talks) n ana Auti Kiribati are i Bairiki.

Ibuki kaotan te reitaki ae tamaroa moarara riki rinanon aia boutoka aaba aika uoua aikai imarenaia ao e na karaoa ana baka n amwarake Kiribati n tairikin naba te Moanibong anne bwa kaotan te butimaai, te

karabwarabwa ao te reitaki ae nakoraoi.

Aio bon ana moan n tai Beretitenti Ma Ying-jeou n toua tanon Kiribati ma ai bon ana ka-uoua n tai kautun te aba ae Taiwan n roko iaon Kiribati. Ana Beretitenti ngkoa Taiwan ae Chen Shui-bien ngaia ngkoa are e karaoa naba ana State visit nakon Kiribati inanon te ririki ae 2005.

E moana ana reitaki te Tautaeka n Kiribati ma te Tautaeka n Taiwan n te ririki 2003.

KATANOATA!

**Te kamatata ibukin
taekan te aoraki ae te
Reebera nakoia te
botannaomata**

1. Te Reebera bon te aoraki, ae ewewe ao e reke man te man aoraki e aki kona n noraki nte mata ao e aranaki bwa Mycobacterium leprae.
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4. E buti te aoraki aei, man tei ikeikei, te mwaitie, te bekobeko ao ai te taetae ma te aomata are iai manna irouna ao e aki bainaoraki.
5. E ngae ngke ewewe ao nte kukune ao 95 te katebubua man te botannaomata (95% of the population) a bon aki kona n ewekaki nte man aoraki aei.
6. E riai n uringaki ba te aoraki aio e **BONI KONA N TOKI** nte bwatin ngkana ko kakaonimaki ni kabongana.
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G o v e r n m e n t preparations in 'full-gear' as State visit nears

**R M A T (O B) - - -
Government has set-up a Committee to oversee preparations for Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou's State visit to Kiribati.**

The two-day visit to Kiribati (22-23 March 2010) is part of Taiwan's agenda to firm up its ties with its 6 Pacific allies namely Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu.

Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Mrs. Tessie Eria Lambourne who is appointed by Cabinet to spearhead this special committee says that preparations have gone underway since early February.

"Our preparations are now being finalized. We are in the midst of polishing up every bit of detail to perfection as the time draws near to the state visit proper." Secretary Lambourne says.

The state visit will see President Ma arriving in Tarawa on the afternoon of Monday, 22 March 2010, spend the night in the capital and flying off the next morning to continue his leg of visits to his pacific allies.

"Arriving with President Ma will be an 88-member delegation which will consist of high ranking officials from the Taiwan government – Taiwan's

Secretary General of the National Security Council, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Indigenous Peoples, Minister of Health, Minister of Government Information, 5 Members of Parliaments and 8 other senior government officials." Mrs. Lambourne told reporters at a Press Conference on Tuesday, 16 March 2010.

The Foreign Affairs Secretary also told media reporters that the high ranking delegation will also be accompanied by support staff, security officers, a cultural group and 35 members of the Taiwan media.

Upon arrival on his private airplane, President Ma will be escorted in a motorcade around the capital to see some of the many Taiwan funded projects namely the Technical Mission, Bairiki Square and the Sports Complex to name but a few.

The sightseeing will end at Bairiki's Reuben K. Uatio stadium where he will meet his counterpart Head of State and President Anote Tong. President Ma and President Tong will inspect the Guard of Honor and retire to

a bilateral meeting at the Presidential Residence in Bairiki.

Later in the evening, President Ma and his 88-member delegation will be treated to a State Banquet hosted by President Tong and

First Lady Tong. The President and his delegation will depart the country the next morning for Tuvalu.

This is President Ma's first visit to Kiribati and the second State visit by Taiwan

to Kiribati. Former Taiwan President Chen Shui-bien paid a State visit to Kiribati back in 2005.

Kiribati formalized diplomatic relations with Taiwan in 2003.



The three founding directors of the PIPA Trust Board during the launch of the inaugural establishment of the PIPA Trust Board last Wednesday, 17 March 2010 at the Otintaai Hotel. From left - right: Mr. Bud Ris from New England Aquarium; Honourable Amberoti Nikora representing the Government of Kiribati (currently Minister for Environment, Lands & Agricultural Development and; Dr. Greg Stone from Conservation International

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Pacific future leaders converge



The Kiribati study tour team in front of Otintaa Hotel in Bikenibeu last Wednesday, 17 March 2010. The team comprises of mid-career men and women from Fiji, NZ, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Tonga

RMAT(OB)—About 120 young people from across the region converged in Samoa last week as part of a second “Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue”.

Following the formal opening plenary in Samoa last week, the young leaders were separated by a full week of study tours carried out over the region.

Arriving in the capital earlier this week is a 11-member Study Tour team. The team comprises of

participants from Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Tonga while the remaining participants are dispersed over nine other countries for the week-long study tours.

Kiribati’s EPLD Chairman, Mr. Taam Biribo told RMAT during a dinner hosted for the future leaders that the study tours are the centerpiece of the overall leadership development experience.

“Study tour visits

and discussions such as this focus on the issues and challenges confronting Pacific island communities in the context of the EPLD theme and thus provide an opportunity for the group members to observe, listen, learn and share knowledge and experiences.” Mr. Biribo added.

This second Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue is themed “Navigating our Future Together” and study tours will all focus on such a theme.

While in Kiribati, the team has visited various ministries and organizations related to EPLD’s sub-theme on sustainable development, regional cooperation and infrastructure, good governance, environment, education, science and health to name but a few.

The young leaders are part of a large group of over 100 mid career men and women from across the Pacific who were

selected from among over 600 applicants. Three mid career officials from Kiribati are participating in this program.

Participants’ will all meet again in Tonga next week to discuss the future directions of EPLD and a closing ceremony to be attended by Her Royal Highness Princess Anne.

Kiribati also participated in the first Emerging Pacific Leaders Dialogue back in 2006.

RMAT Regional News!

Tomas' trail of horror

IT was the same scene from island to island. The trail of destruction of Hurricane Tomas was visible from the air.

Flattened houses, roofless buildings, belongings strewn all over the ground and plantations left in ruins.

Most visible was the sign left on the ground of huge sea swells that rushed into coastal villages, destroying vegetation and forcing villagers to flee for their lives to higher ground.

The Fiji Times team was the first to view the damage left behind by the category four hurricane, from Taveuni up to Cikobia further up north of Vanua Levu as State officials started

their damage assessments before relief supplies can be distributed to those affected.

On Cikobia (pictured), plantations were lost but some of the homes, rebuilt after previous cyclones, were spared.

Villagers struggling to recover from the ordeal waved as we flew over. Help from New Zealand arrived on a Royal New Zealand Air Force aircraft, which dropped off relief supplies in Labasa for distribution.

The Hercule C130 aircraft later made an aerial assessment of the damage.

From FijiTimes ONLINE

Australian Customs mistakes tea for drugs

From Radio Australia

A woman tourist from the Philippines spent five days in custody after Australian Customs officials mistook iced tea for drugs.

Maria Silva, 29, bought three 800-gram bags of Nestle iced tea on her way to the airport in Manila before her flight to Melbourne.

On arrival in Melbourne, she was

arrested by Customs when initial tests showed the packets contained amphetamines.

Ms Silva was charged with importing drugs into Australia.

It was only after she spent five days in custody that further tests revealed the packets contained lemon-flavoured iced tea.

The Melbourne Magistrates Court heard the beverage has a history of being mistaken for drugs.

The magistrate awarded Ms Silva \$5,000 in costs for what he described as an unfortunate set of circumstances. Her lawyer says Customs is yet to apologise for its mistake.



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AARA IBUKIN TE KATOKA METERA: 2010

A kaongoaki botaki ma rabwata nako iaon Kiribati bwa e tauraoi ngkai te Komition ibukin te Katoka Metera ni butimwaei aara ibukin te katoka metera ibukin te ririki 2010.

Kabwarabwaraan rinanin metera ma booma ake a riai ni kanoaki, a kona n reke man ana Aobiti te Beretitenti i Bairiki ao n aobitin Kauntira iaon aba.

A na bon ti butimwaeaki aara ake a boutokaaki irouia rabwata ke botaki.

A na toki butimwae an aara n te **Moanibong 17 ni Meei 2010.**

Ibukin rongorongona ae e bwanin taiaoka reitaki ma ami Kauntira ke ana Executive Assistant te Tia Koroboki n te Kaebineti n te reta ke n te tareboon ae 21183 Ext 20.

Tia Babaire
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