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India-Kiribati Bilateral Relations

India's relations with Kiribati are cordial and cooperative. Some Indian experts have served in Kiribati under international agencies and earned goodwill for India. The concurrent accreditation of Kiribati was transferred to High Commission of India, Suva in October 2011. Prior to that High Commission in Wellington was concurrently accredited to Kiribati from September 1992.

India has donated prosthetic and orthotic components and materials to Tungaru Central Hospital Rehabilitation Centre, amounting to Australian $ 15982.39 in March 2006. In February 2008, India provided grant-in-aid of AUS$ 136,207.18 for the up-gradation of Government Printing Press. In June, 2009 India provided grant-in-aid of AUS$ 315,546 to the Government of Kiribati to fund the purchase of a 500 KW generator and overhead cables to replace old generators in the Kiribati Island. In December 2012, India provided grant-in-aid of US$ 25,135/- for purchase of Cherry Picker Truck and US$ 134,502/- for renovation of 3 clinics under the annual grant.

India gave a grant of US$ 1.1 million to Kiribati on 6 December 2017 for solar lighting of the South Tarawa district. The project has benefited the households in the urban district who did not have access to electricity or power and are forced to resort to the use of fossil fuel for their lighting needs.

Kiribati is one of the Founding Members of the International Solar Alliance.

Hon'ble Natan Teewe, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Government of Kiribati accompanied by Mr. Terieata Mwemwenikeaki, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration attended the Ministerial Meeting on "Harnessing the positive contribution of South-South Cooperation for Development of Least Developed Countries" in New Delhi in February 2011.

Former President of Kiribati, Hon. Anote Tong visited New Delhi on 1-3 February 2012 to attend the 12th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit organised by TERI. President Hon. Anote Tong again visited New Delhi on 31 January-2 February 2013 to attend TERI's Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS).

A Kiribati delegation led by Hon. Teima Onorio, Vice President visited India in connection with the Second High Level Meeting (HLM) on South-South Cooperation for Child Rights in Asia and the Pacific, held in New Delhi on 23-25 October 2013.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hosted the First Summit Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC-I) in Suva (Fiji) during the visit on 19 November 2014 with the participation of 14 Pacific countries. Kiribati delegation was led by President Hon. Anote Tong, attended the Summit.

A Kiribati delegation led by Mr. Teekoa Iuta, Advisor on Asia, visited India to attend 2nd Summit of Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) held at Jaipur on 21 August 2015.

A Kiribati delegation led by Hon. Kobebe Taitai, Minister of Health and medical Services, accompanied by Dr Teatao Tira, Secretary, Ms Ioana Taakau, Chief Pharmacist and Ms Lina Nikuata, Senior Accountant visited India from 25th October to 2nd November 2016 to see medical facilities.

Mr. Banuera Berina, Special Envoy to President attended the First Asian Ministerial Disaster Risk Reduction Conference, in New Delhi from 2 to 5 November 2016.

Mrs Matereta Birita Raiman Auditor General and Mrs Ruti Berenato Executive Assistant from Kiribati National Audit Office attended 23rd Commonwealth Auditor General's Conference, held in New Delhi from 21-23 March 2017.

India-Pacific Islands Sustainable Development Conference (IPISDC): Government of India organized the India-Pacific Islands Sustainable Development Conference (IPISDC) at Suva, Fiji on 25-26 May 2017. Minister of State for External Affairs Gen. (Dr.) V.K.Singh (Retd.) hosted the event, in which Mr. Tekena Tiroa, Member of Parliament , Kiribati led the delegation.

International Day of Yoga: Third International Day of Yoga is celebrated with great enthusiasm in Kiribati every year with participation from high dignitaries, including the Kiribati President and the First Lady.

Festival of India: As part of Namaste Pacifika Festival of India, Odissi Dance Group led by Ms. Meera Das visited and performed in Tarawa in November 2017.

Useful Resources:

High Commission of India, Suva website:http://www.indiainfiji.gov.in

High Commission of India, Suva Facebook page**: India in Fiji**

Twitter: https://twitter.com/HCI_Suva;

YouTube Channel: India in Fiji https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJYT5H3NwEB10MdiXizST2g

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