

PRESS RELEASE

Iai 6 ana aobitia te Botaki ni mwakuri ibukin Kaneweaba, Bitineti, Karaobwai ao Booboti akee a karairaki n te Kaonobong ae e nako imwiin kawarakin Maiana.

Aobitia aikai akee a kabanea 2 te wiiki iaon Maiana ibukin te reirei n te Karaobwai ni Kiribati ao ait e kaongoraa ibukin te kaungaunga ibukin wakinan te waaki ni karikirake nakoia kain te abwamakoro aio.

A roko iaon Maiana n te bong ae te Kaonobong ae 17 n Tiebetembwa ao ni karairaki ni moan Okitobwa.

Inanon tain te kainiin n te reirei ao e karabwarabwa te Mayor ae Rebite nakon te tiim aio ngkana a manga rababa riki aia atatai iaon te reirei aio ao te kaongoraa.

Mwaitiia aine akee a tia ni iira buakon te kataneiai aio bon 28 ao te Kaongoraa a bon bane ni kawaraki kaawa mai Tebikerai ni karokoa Bubutei.

Iai nooran mataatan te kaongoraa irouia kain te abamwakoro aio ikee e a matata iai man rakan te booboti iaon n te mwaiti ae 2, bwa aia booboti aine ni karaobwai ae Nei Te Kewe ni Maiana booboti(CS), Bubutei Fisherman CS ao 1 te credit union.

Iai riki 3 bootaki akee a kaota aia interest ma e aaki reke rokoia ni kabaea aran aia booboti.

Te karabwarabwa nakon te karikirake ae te Tania ni Maiu kee LDCF ngkai e konaa ni kabobongaa aron te mwananga aio.

Ikee e a noraki iai bwa man aia konabwai are e reke irouia ngkai ao ana konaa ni kabonganaa ni manga kareke tianti iai ao n reke tania maeuia mai iai.

Te mwananga aio are e bon mwanenaki ni kabane man Least Develop Countries Fund (LDCF) are e tararuaaki man aobitin Aaba, Otabwanin ao Karikirakean te ununiki MELAD i Bikenibeu.

Cooperatives and credit union established at Maiana

Two (2) new cooperatives and one (1) new credit union were established at the island of Maiana.

One cooperative belongs to a group of women from Maiana and their name is Nei Te Kewe ni Maiana CS. This cooperative is selling handicraft and Mauriwear. The other cooperative is called Bubutei Fisherman CS, and their services has to do with marine products. The new credit union is called Team Work Credit union from Temwangaua village.

These newly established cooperatives and credit union are the result of the awareness program held on Maiana by 6 officials from the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Cooperatives between the 17th September and the 1st October 2022. The team visited all the villages on Maiana from Tebikerai down to Bubutei Maiaki.

During the closing for the training, the Mayor Mrs Rebite gave a very big thanks to the Ministry of Tourism, Commerce for visiting Maiana and said that the new cooperative especially for the women will not stop with the closure of the project, but marked the beginning of their new

journey as a cooperative. With this, communities at Maiana is looking forward to produce more products, especially handicrafts and Mauriwear.

The new credit union from Temwangaua was really thankful for this visit and is looking forward to work within their credit union.

The main objective of this mission was to increase knowledge and capacities of people to establish cooperatives and Credit unions, as well as related to economic benefit on standards and e-commerce.

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