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'Kiribati Institute of Technology celebrates 50 years: building futures from experience'

Kiribati Institute of Technology (KIT) marks its 50th Anniversary on Friday 7th August, 2020. KIT has a lot to celebrate in making such a significant historical contribution to inclusive skills training in the Pacific.

Enabling access for people with disability and disadvantaged youth in remote communities by removing barriers to education has been a key strength in KIT's vision as well as promoting gender equality.

Since 1970, the Government of Kiribati's Ministry of Employment and Human Resource (MEHR) have invested in education for the youth of Kiribati to support technical growth and employment in Kiribati.

"KIT serves as a stairway for future prosperity; KIT bon am kai n tamwarake nakon kabwaiam ibukin taai aika a na roko." said Mrs. Tiene Tooki Kanoua, Secretary The Ministry of Employment and Human Resource for The Government of Kiribati.

Since 2011, the Government of Australia has supported the Government of Kiribati's vision for an internationally respected national Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) system that plays a valued role in improving national economic growth and increasing the employability of the people of Kiribati at home and abroad.

The Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) have funded; The Kiribati Technical and Vocational Education and Training Sector Strengthening Program (TVETSSP), 2011 – 2016, followed by the Kiribati Facility, 2016 – current.

"The Australian High Commission congratulates KIT on its 50th Anniversary. We look forward to KIT continuing to provide quality technical and vocational training opportunities for all I-Kiribati." said Mr Bruce Cowled, Australian High Commissioner to Kiribati.

KIT has achieved a reputation as a leading TVET institute, partnering with the Marine Training Centre (MTC), working in collaboration with the Australian Pacific Training Coalition (APTC), and facilitating the mobilisation of I-Kiribati workers to Australia, New Zealand and beyond through the Pacific Labour Scheme and other labour mobility initiatives. KIT is well positioned through its ministry, local partnerships and leadership team to respond and adapt to the challenges presented by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

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