

AM BEBA NI KAONGORA IAON BAAI AIKA A TIA N RIKI, BAAI AIKA A NANG KARAOAKI AO AI BAAI AIKA A BIRIAKINAKI NGKAI IBUKIN KABWAIAM NGKOE TEI BANABA

Your Paper informing you of the things that have been done, things about to happen and things we have in mind that need to be accomplished for the benefit of you Banabans.

Man aia ibuobuoki ao aia anganano te Nati ni Banaba iaon Tarawa
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Te Ururing ma te Kaitau ibukin baika a tia n reke iroura!

In Remembrance and Appreciation of things we have received.

Te korakora man Otan Taai, e moamoa iai taran aia kamatebwai ara ataei n te bong bwa e na teimatoa

Bon ana kakaitau te Nati ni Banaba nakon ara Tia Tei ae beku mwaaka ni biriakinan kabaiaara. Ngaira tarimi aika iaon Tarawa, e nage ngke ti bon maeka iaon Tarawa, ma ti bon raonii naba bwanami ni kakaitau ngkai baika e biriakini ibukimi, ai bon ibukira naba.

Solar Energy has allowed our kids' to keep on studying into the night. Many thanks from we children of Banaba to our representative whose efforts in carrying out this work receive our blessings.

Even though we live on this island, we your brothers on Tarawa, want to join in acknowledging the benefit we have enjoyed.

N ongora ao a tia n reke ami solar power, ao tao angia kain auti a tia n reke buokaia man te solar power project aei. Kam bia buokii aron kateimatoakin ami solar nako bwa e aki koaua ae ai akea aia taura ami ataei, aika ataein abara ibukin aia kamatebwai.

From what we heard lately, most of your families have received their solar power and have benefited from the solar power project. We ask you to ensure that the project has a long life so the children of our land are not left without electricity for their studies.

Ni marorora ma te Tia Tei ao e kaotia ae iai ngkai ana tamnei ibukin manga karokoan riki taian solar ibukia ake a tuai reke onoia n te karikirake aei. Are i eta ngkoe te Tia Tei ao e bia mwaiti riki te solar nako Banaba ba e aonga n teimatoa n ota aon abara n te bong. E kaoti naba MP Timon ba iai ngkai te rabata ni buoka teuana man te European Union are e nang kaunga kabonganaan te solar power. E na rabata riki te tamnei aei nakon taai aika imwaira.

At our meeting with The Representative, he mentioned that he has looks forward to bringing more solar power for the families who have not received their share during this

project. Many thanks to our MP: hopefully solar power will reach Banaba and bring light to our island at night. MP Timon also mentioned that there is an EU organisation which promoted the use of solar power. The plan to bring more solar power to the island should come about soon.

Te Bono bon te oin bwai

Sea Walls are Great!

Ti ongo naba ngaira te Nati ni Banaba mai iaon Tarawa bwa ngaia e a kam tei ami bono ane irarikin te bootabu. E akiaua aei ba bon totokaon te kanganga ae na kona ni bubura riki ao man rota ara bootabu aao ara rawa n akawa. Ti ongo bwa e nang reke ae bon oin ara kaibuke ao e uara ngkai te bootabu? E na bon kona n rororake inanona. Ngaia are e raba naba iangoan katean te bono ba bon totokoan taian kanganga aika aki kantaningaki. Ao e raraba ara Tia Tei ibukin kakoroan nanon aei.

We, the Banaban descendants here on Tarawa, also heard that you have built a seawall near our port. This is great because it will prevent major problems that will affect our port and our fishing lagoon. We also heard that we are going to have our own ship, so how is our port? Is it possible for a ship to get into our port? Many thanks for building the seawall to prevent unexpected. But even more gratitude goes to our Representative for having and fulfilling this idea.

Te Bai-ni-bakoa ae a kawaerakea te tianti mai marawa]

Shark Fins bring in cash from the ocean.

E a bon nakon ae marurung ao ae konamaki. Ngaira aika iaon Tarawa e kanganga reken ke rakan ara kareke tianti. Ngke mwaitin boora arei ai bon mwaitina naba ni katoa uowa te wiki. Ma ngkami aika iaon Banaba, ai bon mwaitin ami mwane ane ni korakorami. Ngaia are tai kakabane tai. E raba ara Tia Tei bwa e tia ni biriakina kateimatoan rereken mwanen te bai-ni-bakoa, ao aio ai bon kateimatoan naba rereken ami tianti. Ma tai maminga bwa ngaia e anaaki naba te kun-ni-bakoa ke te uakun iroun te Kiribati Produce iaon Tarawa.

This benefit goes to the industrious and active people. Here on Tarawa, its difficult to find ways of earning money or improve our wages. What we have in our wages fortnightly is all we have. But you people there in Banaba will get more money depending on your capabilities. Therefore, waste no time. Thank you, our MP for maintaining the flow of income from shark fins, and bringing in more money to our people. But don't forget that the KP on Tarawa (Kiribati Produce -Tarawa) also receives the shark skins as well and that they are another source of income.

Ao e uara marawa, e teimatoa ni waru?

So how's the Ocean, are there still a lot of catching?

Ti ongo naba ngaira mai Tarawa ae iai naba ami boti aramanim aika awa (4) ma intinia. A boo baira n aei, ma tera ara bai iai, eng bon tii te kakatonga ao te kimarimari bwa a reke raoi bwai ake kam kainnanoi. E aoria ma tai tabwaraa te bai-ni-bakoa ao te uakun naba bwa e anaaki iroun te kambana ae te Local Produce i Bairiki Tarawa

We also heard here in Tarawa that you folks have four (4) aluminium boats with engines. How unlucky we are but it's not our business! However, we are proud and very excited for

you folks out there cause you have what you need most. Nevermind. So do not hesitate to fish for shark fins and skins and remember that the company Local Produce in Bairiki, Tarawa receives sharks skins.

Eng ibukin reken boti aikai ao ti a bon raoni nanomi ni kakaitau nakon ara Tia Tei ae Timon Aneri ba a bon reke baikai man ana makuri korakora, ana imanono ao ai tamaroan reitakina ma aobitia aika kakaokoro n ana rabata nako te tautaeka. Taua teim anne ara Tia Tei ao tai tabwara, kamwaitii riki kabwaia ae aekakin aikai ao ni kabwaroi iaon Banaba.

Indeed, because you have received these boats, we join in your heartfelt thanks to our representative Timon Aneri for his commitment, hard work and determination, as well as his good relations with several government ministry offices. Keep up the good work, Representative, and do not hesitate to bring more blessings like this to our beloved Banaba.

Baika a tia aroia ma ai ti karokoaia iaon Banaba.

Things that have been accomplished but need bringing Banaba.

Te Karau bon te kaubwai ae kakawaki

Rainwater is an important treasure.

Ngaia are e bon riai kawakinan raoi te karau n taai aikai, ai moara riki ngkai abara aio bon nnen te aki kakarau ao te rongo. Ibukin aio ao ara Tia Tei, e a bon tia ni kairoroi reken taian tangke ni karau ika mwaitia 85 ao te aekaki n tangke are 6,000 te liter kanoana. E kakoaua te Nati ni Banaba bwa e korakora ngureakinan te buoka aio nako Banaba bwa a taku bwa e a bon riaon te mwiati nakon te aba ae uarereke ao ti tabeman kaina. Ma ti kaitaua ara Tia Tei ngkai e teimatoa ni katerea are Banaba e bon nang okoro ma aban nako Kiribati. Bon akea te manibwa iaon Banaba ao kain te aba a tebotebo n te karau, a wati iai, a moi man kuka iai, ao a teboki naba arokaia iai. Ao kai e kabwaia te aba bwa ae a kabwataki te mwaiti n tangke aio ao ae a tia an ootanaki. A na baae n roko iaon abami n namakaina rake aikai.

These days it is very important to store rain water, since our island receives little rainfall and is always being affected by drought. Because of this, our Representative has promised to supply Banaba with a total of 85 water tanks holding up to 6,000 liters of water. Most Banabans believe that there is controversy about this aid to Banaba because it was said that it's too small an island with only a few people on it. Again our deepest gratitude to Our MP for making it clear that Banaba is totally different to the Kiribati atolls. There are no wells on Banaba and the locals shower and wash with rainwater, drink rainwater and use rainwater for cooking; they even use it to water their gardens. Our land will be blessed when they pass the bill to supply the island with the 85 tanks required – the tanks have already been ordered and will be arriving in the coming months.

E nang reke ae bon oin am kaibuke!

You will now get your own ship!

Imwin ana biriaki-mwaka ara Tia Tei ae MP Timon T Aneri ao e tia ni kabwataki iroun Kaebineti kabwakaan te mwaiti ni mwane ae \$364,051.60 nakoia kain Banaba ibukin

kabaakin ara kaibuke ngaira kain Banaba. N aron ae ataki ao ti a bon maan n tataruaea kainnanaoan ae bon oin ara kaibuke are ngaia ae na kona ni katoki kainnanora n aron karorokoan karara aika bwain te titoa, kako riki tabeua, bwai n aoraki, baoia aoraki, baon ara bwai ni makete ao ai bon baora ni mamananaga. A nang tiku ngkai rongorongon aikai inanon ara ururing bwa ae nang reke ae oin ara kaibuke. Inanon ririki ma ririki, ao ti bon titiku naba n raroa nako ma te aonnaba. Ti a bon maan n arora aei, ao ai rarabara ara Tia Tei ae Timon ngkai e kona ni kabwaroa korakorana ae mwaiti ibuakon te kanganga ni iangoan reken ara kaibuke.

After the incredible work of our Representative MP Timon T. Aneri, the cabinet has passed a bill to fund the Banabans to the amount \$364,051.60 for building their own ship. As we all know, we have been arguing our need to own a ship with which we can meet our own essential shipping needs for groceries, cargos, medication, exports and imports and a means of personal transportation. We will hold this news in our minds, that we will have our own ship! Several years ago, we have been in this kind of situation where we were isolated from the rest of the world. Thanks to our Representative Timon for giving his energy and time to working out the problems involved in getting us our own ship.

E aoria ma katauraoi ngkami kain Banaba bwa ae nang kabaaki ngkai ami kaibuke ao tao e na tia kabaakina imwin 7 ke 8 namakaina mangkai. Ao ai antai aran ara Kaibuke aei! E tau ko raraba ara Tia Tei ao e raraba naba ara Tautaeka aio ngkai e kona n ongo bwanara ni bubuti rinanom!

It's very good, but you Banabans need to prepare yourselves, for your ship is being built now and is expected to be ready in about 7 to 8 months from now. So what name should we give our ship ? Our most sincere thanks to our Representative and, most of all, our deep gratitude to our government for listening to our needs which you presented to them.

Reita nako marurungim te tia Ununiki bwa ae nang roko buokam man te UN-FAO Kaanga bon taian mii aron reken bwai! Ma koron nanon taian mii aika a bongana ibukin te botanaomata bon ti man te reitaki raoi ae tamaroa. Eng, aio ae noria te Nati ni Banaba iaon Tarawa, ngke e a manga reke te rongorongon irouna ba ngaia e nang manga tauraon n reke te mwaiti ni mwane ae US\$10,000 ke tebwi tabun tenga te tara n Aotiteria. Aio te mwaiti ni mwane are e toka iaon aia beba ni bubuti kain ara BYE ke the Banaba Young Enterprise. Te mwaiti ni mwane aio e na roko rabatana inanon baia taan tara ana karikirake BYE inanon Tun ke Turai. Man te mwane aio ao e nang koro nanon ana iango te BYE bwa e nang kona ngkanne ni wakina ana karikirake iaon e beki. Aio teuana te karikirake ae baka iai nanoia trimi ni Banaba iaon Tarawa, ao a bon tauraon naba ni buobuoki ni kabooi kanaia beki aika mena n taian buki.

Continue with your hard work farmers for aid from the UN-FAO is on its way to you.

Gaining treasure seems like a dream, but the way to make dreams come true to benefit your nation is through good dialogue and good relationships. Yes, this is what we Banaban children on Tarawa saw when we learned that US \$10K (or more than \$10,000 Australian currency) will be made available. This sum is what the BYE, or Banaba Young Enterprise, asked for in their application to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation. This fund will probably reach those in charge of developments in June or July. This funding will allow the to start pig husbandry. This is one of the bussinesses which the children of Banaba in Tarawa love most dearly. Therefore we are now ready to support you folks out there providing your packaged pig meat (???)

A bon anga naba aia kakaitau te Nati ni Banaba nakon te BYE ibukin mauireirein ana iango iaon karikirake aika a nang bongana ao a na kona n uota te maiuraoi nakiora ni kabana. Ma ai bon te kaitau riki ae takaburinako nakon MP Timon ba ngke eaki biriakiana aio ao e na bon aki reke tebwi tabun tenga te tara ibukin BYE.

Again, many many thanks from us, the Banaban children, to BYE for their marvelous and great idea of raising pigs for commerce that will sustain the future wellbeing of us all. Our heartfelt gratitude to MP Timon for the great effort he puts into this cause, for without it we would be unable to receive the \$10K grant for BYE.

Ni marorora ma MP Timon iaon maiun BYE, ao e kaotia naba te Tia Tei bwa ngkana e waki raoi te karaoan kanaia ataei ma ni maia man taian mitiin aika a tia n roko ngkai (Baby food and fruit processing) ao e na tauraai te karikirake aei n anai naba uanikai mai Banaba. Ngkana e a tia are bon oin ara kaibuke ao ikanne are e nang bon raanga te mwane nako Banaba ba e a nakoraai te waki ni Bitineti.

In the meeting with MP Timon on the state of BYE, he mentioned another development which is the processing of Baby food and Fruit. Preparation will be available before the fruit harvest from Banaba. If our own ship is completed by then, and if everything goes well, its our assumption that there will be an enormous profit to Banaba.

Te waki nakon mwaneka aika bubura riki

Giant steps towards Bigger Developments.

Bon moan te kamino nano kanoan te iango ae na kakaeaki anagan karinan Banaba ba teuana aban te Wolrd Heritage. N ongora iron te Tia Tei ae Timon ao e karakina mwin ana maroro ma aobitian te tabo ni makuri ae te Environment ike e a kaotia iai ngkana arona bwa e boutokaki ana inago aei irouia kain Banaba ma te Kauntira ao ngkanne e kabirimwaka naba ana iango aei bwa e aonga n reke te kabwaia ae teimatoa nakoia kain Banaba. Aikai tabeua rongorongon te World Heritage ma tamnein taian kabwaia ke benefits ake a na kona n reke nakon Banaba:

It's very complicated to find a way of getting Banaba listed as a World Heritage site. MP Timon told us a story of his meeting with one of the officials in the Environment Department. According to their discussion he said if the Banabans and the Counselors support him in his idea, this will speed up the process of reaping the benefits. Below are some facts & goals of the World Heritage that the Banaban people can benefit from:

United Nations World Heritage.

Te World Heritage bon karinan te aba teuana ke te aono teuana ae iai rakan arona bwa e na kinaaki n te United Nations. Karaoan aei ao e na tabekaki aran te aba anne rinanon te Tautaeka ae kinaaki. Ma ikanne ao e a karaoaki naba te application ke te beba ni bubuti ibukin karinan aran te aba anne.

World Heritage Site status involves submitting a certain place or a site which is extraordinary enough for the United Nation to recognize it. To be accepted a site must be in a country with a government that is well regarded by the UN. If that is the case, an form will have to be completed applying for World Heritage Site status.

Irarikin anne ao iai naba te katautau bwa e na karaoaki te Marine Protected Area ae bwa raonan te iango aei. Abara ae Banaba, bon te aba teuana ae ae kakan ngkana e rin ba teuana te World Heritage Site. Ni kamatoan aei man aobitin te Environment ao ti karekea te rongorongo ae kakukurei bwa ngkana e rin Banaba bwa aban te World Heritage ao e bon aki anaaki rikian tei Banaba ma inaomatana. Butan te aba are e a tia n rin n te World Heritage Site, bon moan te bebete ao akea te rekenikai iai ke te tuuaa.

Moreover, thoughts have given the designation of a Marine Protected Area. Our land we call Banaba is a unique place in the world id it is accepted as a World Heritage site. To support this idea from the Environment Office, we got some exciting information that if Banaba was to become a World Heritage site then the identity and personal rights of a Banaban won't be taken away from him or her. If a site wants to withdraw from World Heritage Site status, there are no fines or punishments.

Baika iai iroun Banaba aika a na kaangaraoa rinna n te World Heritage, bon rongorongon ao tein aon abara aika a kakaongora man kaokoro ma tein aban Kiribati nako. Aikai tabeua katoto:

One of the things Banaba has that can qualify her to become a World Heritage Site is the fact that its formation is very interesting and totally different from the rest of the Kiribati Islands. Here are some examples,

(1) Banaba e kakaongora ana history ke rongorongona ngkoa. E a tia n riki ba te aba ae kaubwai man riki bwa kanga te city teuana ao ngkai e a kitanaki man tiku bwa kanga te aba ae ai tii tabeman kaina;

(1)Banaba has a very unique and interesting history. In the past, it was once a wealthy island and it looked like a city: but now it looks like a ghost town. A lot of its natives left the island for many reasons and now only a few remain on Banaba.

(2) Banaba ngaia naba teuana te aba ae korakora rongorongon te Kauoua-ni-buaka n te aonnaba iai. Rongorongon te kabaku roroa ao rongorongon Kabunare ngaia naba teuana ae matai iai te World Heritage;

(2) Banaba was a famous site and a deadly battle ground during WWII. Information about the beheading of civilians and, of course, the story of the survivor Kabunare would be valuable to the World Heritage Site application.

(3) Taian caves aika iaon Banaba ngaia naba rinen abara aio ao te World Heritage e tauraoui ni buokii kawakinan ao katamaroan bwangabwanga aikai;

(3)The caves on Banaba are one of the landmarks of great interest in terms of World Heritage. World Heritage Site designation would help in preserving Banaban beauty and the caves themselves.

(4) Marin ara marawa ma maiuraoin rakaina ngaia naba ae kakawaki iroun te World Heritage;

(4)The large amount of marine life in our ocean and the vivacity of our corals are very important to World Heritage

(5) Kateia kain Banaba (culture) ma rongorongoia (history) man te tai are imwain te keniken ni karokoa te roko i Rabi ao ni karokoa ngkai, aio e nang ni kakaongora naba

iroun te World Heritage;

(5) Our culture and the history of before and after the mining of the phosphate, as well as the story of the relocation of the Banaban people to Rabi from their arrival to today today are of interest in terms of World Heritage.

(6) Rietatan abara n te aro are na kanganga waekoan ekakinakoana n labutin Tari, ngaia teuana ae e okoro iai tein Banaba ma aban nako Kiribati, ao aio naba ngkanne ae katika nanon te World heritage.

(6) The height of our Island is such that it will not be affected by sea level rises and his makes Banaba stand out from the rest of the Kiribati atolls: this has captivated the hearts of the people in World Heritage.

Ao iai te Kabwaia ae na reke man te World Heritage?

Will World Heritage status bring us prosperity?

Te kabwai ae na reke man te waki aio e na rianako riki mwaitina nakon are e a manga kenaki abara. E a tau moa kenakin Banaba bwa e a bon ikoaki. E a ikoaki mwngaia ara bakatibu ao e a wene ma te kirimwakamwaka ao te maraki. Ma ngkana e a manga kenaki, ao iaki ataia bwa a na mwaitira te kabwaia nakoira ngaira aika kain Banaba, ao tao a na maanra?

Our prosperity WH would be way beyond that of mining phosphate again. Enough already with mining the island again. It's badly wounded. The home of our forefathers suffered painfully and is lying there rugged and destructed. If it is mined again, I have no idea how much more, we, who call ourselves the Banaban people, will benefit from its wealth and for how long this prosterity will last.

Ma rikin Banaba ba teuana te World Heritage Site, bon kaukan mataroan te kabwaia teuana ae na teimaan nakoia te nati ni Banaba. Ao ko ataia bwa ia aba aika a tia n rin n te World Heritage? Aikai tabeua: te Great Wall of China, taian pyramid ake i Aikubita (Egypt), te buaakonikai ae te toa are n te Amazon ke i Amerika maiaki, mwiin te city are Baburon iririkin Iraq, ao a mwaiti riki. Ao e a uara ngkana e a rin abam ae Banaba ibuakoia aaba ke tabo aika a kakawaki man kakannato aikai? Tiaki nanona bwa e nang manga uki matan te aonnaba ao man tara Banaba ba aia tabo n neweaba? Ngkana e kuba n roko te cruise liner tueana ikai ae kaan 2,000 kaina, tao e na mwaitira ngkanne te kabwaia ae na bwakara abara? Ao ngkana a manga ongo kain Aotiteria ao New Zealand ake a ikawai-rake iaon Banaba n tain te BPC, tiaki bwa a na bon kan manga nakomai ni kakoaua ae Banaba are a rikirake iaona ngaia ai aban te World Heritage? Bon te kabwaia ae bubura ao e na tei-maan ae na roko iaon abara man kinakin abara bwa te World Heritage Site.

And if Banaba becomes a World Heritage site, this will open doors of opportunity which will last longer for the Banaban generations. And do you know which countries or sites that has been a long time member to the World Heritage? For your information, here are some sites, To name a few: "The Great Wall of China", "The Pyramids in Egypt", "The Gigantantic Deep Forest of the Amazon or "The Amazon Basin" in South America, "The archaeological site of Babylon" which was the capital of a small city state of Mesopotamia, named Babylonia, located in what is now Iraq, and many more. How about if your island of Banaba becomes a World Heritage site amongst these very important and famous sites? Will the world wake up and view Banaba as a tourist destination or an attractive historical

place to visit? What will happen if one of the cruise lines visits here with approximately 2000 or more people on board: how much more wealth will be generated from this that will benefit the natives of our island? And if the Australians and New-Zealanders who were born and raised on Banaba during the BPC in the early 20th Century or their generation hear about Banaba becoming a World Heritage site, wouldn't you assume that they would want to revisit or visit the island and see for themselves that the island they were raised in has been preserved by WH? Just to add my own opinion, think of the Japanese and those who fought in World War II: their descendants might want to visit the place where their forefathers sacrificed their lives and died for their country, or just to see the place their great grandfathers, or fathers served during this deadliest battle. I believe it will be a tremendous benefit and the flow of wealth and prosperity will last much longer once Banaba becomes a World Heritage Site.

Iririkin anne ao bon iai naba taian mwane aika a na bwaka man te World Heritage nakon Banaba ibukin mwakurian katamaroan tabo ake e nano iai te World Heritage ao te mwane naba ibukin kateimatoaan tabo aikai.

In addition to this, there are other funds or aid from WH that will benefit the Banabans for working in beautifying some other areas that the WH is interested in as part of trying to preserve of the site.

Raonan te World Heritage – Trust Fund

Additional World Heritage - Trust Fund

Iai naba iangoan katean tabo n akawa aika na kainaki ke taian Marine Protected Areas (MPA). Bukin aei bwa e aonga ni kateimatoaki aia tabo ni kaabung ika, ao aio are e nano naba iai te World Heritage. Ngkana e boutokaaki te iango aei ao e na iai ngkanne iangoan katean ara Trust Fund ke oin ara mwane n tania man rabata ni buobuoki n te aonnaba n aron te International Conservation ao tabeua riki. Rabwata aikai ake a tauraoi n anga aia mwane nakon aaba ake a tauraoi ni kaini aia tabo n akawa tabeua. Te mwane are a na tauraoi ni kabwakaa, e na bwaka nakon te Trust Fund bwa onean mwin ika ake a nang tauraoi ni kainaki man aki anaaki. E iangoia naba te Tia Tei ma kain ana tiim iaon Tarawa ikai bwa na kabongana naba te Internet n toma ma nake iai nanaoia i Banaba n te aonnaba bwa a na buoka karekarean ao kateiraoan te Trust Fund aei.

There are also future plans to construct some fishing areas that will be definitely closed, or Marine Protected Areas (MPA). The main reason behind this is to protect or set apart places for fish to breed and this is of great interest in terms of World Heritage. If these plans are well supported, then there are some thoughts of gaining more Trust Funds or more aid from several world organisations such as "The International Conservation" and many others. These charitable organisations will compensate the natives of Banaba as some of their fishing spots will be closed or fishing will be prohibited. The MP and his team also have some unique ideas about establishing an internet connection or computer as away of communicating and attracting those out in the world who are deeply interested in this kind of preservation and in this way it will maintain the flow of money to increase our Trust Fund.

Imwain ae kabwataki te iango aei iroum ngkoe tei Banaba

Banabans, before you support this idea... :

Ao bon te bubuti bwa ko bia boutokaa te iango aei. E a tau moa iangoan kenankin te aba bwa e a kawa abara ae a wene bwa ai te ikoaki. Ti kakai riki angan kabwaiara man itera aika a teimaan (sustainable) inanon ara roro aei ao nako roro aika na roko. N te kakatauraoi nakon te mwaneka aei, ao iai ngkai ana tiim te Fisheries ae tauraoui ni buokira ni kakaei aia tabo ni kaabung ika ake ti na tauraoui ni kaini, ao ni kakoaua naba ba e na aki rotaki iai maiura ma ara kareke tianti n te bong ae koraki.

Please Banabans, wherever you are, support this good cause. Enough of mining the land or digging for phosphate, because our land has suffered tremendously and painfully. Let us find some other means of gaining wealth from these kinds of sustainable resources for our generation now and as well as for future generations. In preparing ourselves for this huge step, there is a team from the Fisheries department who are now ready to help us in finding certain spots to breed our fish that will definitely be closed to public fishing. It is believed that this preservation will not affect our future everyday life.

Rongorongongonga aika ti kukurei iai ngaira tarimi iaon Tarawa ao tinaniku Kiribati

More Exciting news for us, your brothers here on Tarawa and those living abroad

Ngaia a reke naba ami computer? Ai bon akea te bwai ae kam na bwaka iai! Ma a rarabwa naba iango aika a raroai aikai. Te computer bon kabutimwakaan te mwakuri. A bia bongana raoi reke ami computer aikai ao e raba ara Tia Tei are e biriakini baikai ibukin kabutiraoan ana waki ara BIC. Ma tera ngke e kona naba ni manag iangoa reken taian computer ibukia ara ataei? E aoria bwa ae inanon taina. Ka ae reke te Kaibuke, ao e aera a naki reke computer, ngkai aio bon ibukin kabwaiiaia ara ataei.

Well, have you received your computers yet? Wow!!! Incredible! There is nothing else you need. And thanks mostly to this great and wonderful idea. The Computer speeds up work, therefore may your computers be more useful, and once more thanks to our MP for finding ways to bring this to BIC. Just a thought - what if he finds some other ways to supply more computers to meet our children's need? Nevermind, maybe in near future. If we can now own a ship why not computers? As this will be of great benefit to our children.

Ti ongo naba ae ngaia e a tia naba n reke iroumi te mwaiti ni mwane ae \$11,000 ibukin kateimatoan te kako nako Banaba. Ba are e koaua bwa ngkai a bon rarawa kambana ni kaibuke ni kan kakawara abara bwa tao a ruti iai, ma e raba reken te mwane anne are e a kona ni katea aan ami boboti ni kamwaita ana kaako ao mani kona n tanninga te kaibuke are imwina.

We also heard that you have received \$11,000 for maintaining supplies to Banaba. It's true that nowadays most shipping companies sometimes refuse to transport goods or service Banaba because they are afraid of losing business because of its isolation. But anyway, thanks for that funding that can help start your business and bring in abundance of food supplies, medication and other needs that will last longer until the next supplies arrive.

KABANEA N TAEKA

FINAL REMARKS

Ai bon bwaanam am Beba ae Tei Banaba ni kakatekeraoi nakoimi kain Banaba inanon moan wakin te ririki aei. Taiaoka kaungaia ami ataei nakon aia reirei bwa man nakoraoin aia reirei ao man reken rabakauia ao e na riki bwa kamatoan aan abara ao rikirakena

nakon ririki aika a na roko.

We "The Banabans", your voices in the newsletter want to wish each and every one of you Banabans the very best in our very first edition of our newsletter for this year. Please encourage your kids to go to school because their good education will maintain the foundation and growth of our beloved island in the near future.

Am Beba ni kaongora aio, e na kataia n kateimatoa kakaongoraeam ni katoa kaka teniua namakaina. Am Beba naba aio e na teimatoa n tatakuraea rongorongon te wakirake ao rongorongon taian kabwaia aika a na bwaka nako aon abara ae tangiraki.

This newsletter will try to keep up its efforts, reaching you every three months. This paper will always provide you with news of developments and accomplishments in the homeland we love dearly.

Ai bon te kakatekeraoi naba nakon ara Tia Tei ma buna aika ngaia aika a bweea te waa n te tai aio ao ti bon kakaitau ibukin nakoraoin ana waki ngkai ti a nori taian uaa aika a mwaiti ao man uota te rau, te maiuraoi ao te kabwaia nakon abara ae tangiraki. Tiaki mwaninga naba taekaia kain ana tiim ni iango ake a boutokai ana iango aika a mwaiti man boongana nakon Banaba.

We end our with blessings to you and also to our MP from Banaba and his wife who have shown us the way to paddle our canoe toward success. Thank you deeply, MP, for a job well done. Now we can see the fruits of your hard labours that have sustained us with Good Health, Peace and prosperity for our most beloved motherland, Banaba.

E a kaan te rinerine ao am Beba aio e a bon anga naba ana katekeraoi nakoia ake a tauraoi n anga araia ao man kan riki naba bwa tooro ngaia ni biriakini kabwaiaia kain abara. Ti nora uaan ae makuria ngkai MP Timon ao e bia tomaki nako te aekaki ni bekutata aio.

Elections are around the corner and your paper here wants to wish the best of luck to those who wish to be elected as future leaders for the sake our land and country. We have seen the fruit of what MP Timon has achieved and may his good example shine for those who wish to become representative of our people in the future.

Kam raba ao te Uea imarenara mangkami.

Thanks a lot, and God bless.