

Visit to UK by H E the Beretitenti

H.E. Te Beretitenti and party spent 24 hours in the UK in June en route to Geneva, where they attended conferences on reducing disaster risks (Global Disaster Risk Reduction Conference) and humanitarian issues (Global Humanitarian Forum), which are of course both vitally important to the Pacific. The Beretitenti was a keynote speaker at the latter meeting, talking about the impact of global warming.

President Tong was accompanied by the First Lady, Meme Tong, and officials. The President (who is also Minister for Foreign Affairs) stayed over at Heathrow for 24 hours for consultations with Michael Walsh, the Kiribati Honorary Consul in the UK.

He also met members of the I Kiribati community in Britain, including the Committee of the KTA who he joined for lunch at the end of their meeting.



Left to right: Rotee Walsh (Dance organiser), First Lady Meme Tong, H.E. Anote Tong, Paul Chilton (Secretary), Clive Smith (Co-Trustee), Patrick Lawrence (Treasurer), Agnes Henson (Chairman), Michael Walsh (Kiribati Honorary Consul at London), Betarim Rimon (Secretary, Office of the Beretitenti)

