



Alumnus Information

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Figure 1 During Graduation reception with Prof Maeda Yuji

Mauri From the center of the Pacific Region

After graduating with a Master of Business Administration, I returned home and continued serving the Government's Public Service Office as a Senior Assistant Secretary till 4th August this year, where I was moved to the Ministry of Information, Communication, Transport and Tourism Development on interim arrangement as to assist the Officer-in-Charge.

Current Duties & Acquired Knowledge

My current duties include but not limited to assisting the Deputy Secretary (Officer-In-Charge) in formulating the Department's contributions at the national level. This involves identifying pressing issues as proposals to be reflected in strategies. Those strategies are important to the development of Kiribati. Other than that, I am tasked to work in collaboration with the Civil Aviation Authority Kiribati to develop and execute the way forward concerning the upper airspace of Kiribati.

I found my duties to be very challenging yet pleasant as I am afforded opportunities I never had before. However, the Pacific-LEADS program has been instrumental in my personal and professional development as it provided me with knowledge, skills and experience that enabled me to perform despite the many challenges I encounter.

Career Plan & Message to Active Participants

For the time being, I will serve my Government for at least 5 years, after which I need to try to apply for a job at an intergovernmental organization within the Pacific region or beyond.

I would like to reiterate to active participants, a message I was told before going to Japan.

Be a sponge, go and absorb knowledge, skills and experience as much as you can and bring them back home to contribute to the development of your Country.



Figure 2 Closing session of the JICA-GRIPS joint Program