MEETING
Lesson Nineteen

Objectives: This lesson is intended to give you some help in meeting people - introductions and the like. At the end of this lesson you should be able to ask for an introduction to someone, and introduce someone to someone else, as well as to explain that you already know or recognize someone.

Activities: Study the dialogue, and practice acting it out. Then break into groups, and practice asking for introductions to others in the group and introducing them to each other.

Translation of Dialogue:

Meeting
James: Do you know that man?
Tekken: Which one?
James: The one talking with that tall woman.
Tekken: I recognize him, the one talking with Ruth.
James: I'd like to meet him. Can you introduce us?
Tekken: Sure. Excuse me Eduard, I'd like you to meet my friend here. His name is James. This is Edward, and this is Ruth.
James: How do you do.
Eduard: Hello.
Ruth: Hello
TE KAAITIBOO
Reirei Tebwi Ma Ruaiua

Dialogue for Study:

Te Kaaitiboo

Tiemti: Ko kinaa te aomata aarei?
Teken: Ae e ngaa iai?
Tiemti: Ao are e marooroo ma te aline are e ab'aab'aki aarei.
Teken: I kinaa, are e taetae ma Ruta.
Tiemti: I kani kaaitiboo ma ngaia. Ko konaa ni kairai nakoina?
Tiemti: Kam na mauri.
Etuati: Ko na mauri.
Ruta: Ko na mauri.
Additional Activities: Study the continuation of the dialogue. From the combined dialogues construct a narrative about a meeting and a series of introductions.

Translation of Additional Dialogue:

James: I think I saw you at the airport yesterday.
Eduard: Yes, I just returned from England.
Teken: Have you met that woman in the red dress?
Eduard: No I haven't, and I don't know her. Who is she?
Teken: She's a new teacher at the secondary school at Bikenibeu. Would you like to meet her?
Eduard: Yes, I'd like to meet her.
Teken: Fine, I'll take you over and introduce you.

Outside Activities: The next time you're with a group of Kiribati people where there are newcomers, pay attention to the interaction during introductions. Do I Kiribati usually introduce newcomers to a group? Are names exchanged often. If your observations fail you, try asking some of your friends what their feeling is about introductions.
Additional Dialogue:

Tiemti: I taku b'a l nooriko n te marae ni waanikiba ngkoananoa.

Etuati: E eng, I a tib’a oki mai Engiran.

Teken: Ko a tia ni kaaitiboo ma te aione are e uraura ana kunikai aarei?

Tiemti: I tuai ao l aki kinaa. B'a antai neierei?

Teken: Te tia reirei ae e boou n te kauarina n reirei are i Bikenibeu. Ko kani kaaitibo'ma ngaia?

Tiemti: E eng, I kani kaaitiboo ma ngaia.

Teken: E rairoi, N na kairiko nakoina b'a ko na kaaitiboo ma ngaia.