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Press Releases

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1. Tatalaina Aloa'ia o le Malae Taalo i le Apia Park.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tatalaina aloa'ia o le Malae Taalo i le Apia Park i le Aso Lua 02 Aperila, 2007. E amata le Sauniga i le afa o le sefulu i le taeao.

O le Afioga i le Palemia, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, o le a fofogaina le saunoaga autu o le faamoemoe.

Official Opening of the Apia Park Sports Stadium.

Cabinet has approved the official opening of the Apia Park Sports Stadium on Tuesday 02nd April, 2007. The ceremony starts at 10:30am.

Honourable Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, will deliver the keynote address.

2. Manumalo le Kamupani a le Bluebird/ AHLAL i le galuega mo le faalauteleina o le nofoaga mo paka o taavale i le Malaevaalele Faavaomalo i Faleolo.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le galuega mo le faalauteleina o le nofoaga mo paka o taavale i le Malaevaalele Faavaomalo i Faleolo, i le tau aofai e \$1,752,697.06

Sa faasalalauina leni galuega mo ni tauofoga e tusa ai ma faiga faavae a le Komiti o Tauofoga. E ono kamupani na talosaga mo tusi o faamatalaga ae peitai e na o le tasi le kamupani na tuuina atu lana ofo. I le maea ai o suesuega ma iloilogaga a le Komiti, ua tuuina atu nei le galuega i le kamupani a le Bluebird / AHLAL ina ua faamalieina tulaga uma o le tauofoga.

O le a faatinoina leni galuega i totonu o le 12 vaiaso i le maea ai ona sainia o le konekarate.

Bluebird / AHLAL Joint Venture Company awarded Construction works for the expansion of the Faleolo International Airport Car Park.

Cabinet has approved the recommendation by the Tenders Board to contract Bluebird / AHLAL Company for the expansion of the Faleolo International Airport Car Park at a cost of \$ 1,752,697.06.

An invitation for the Tenders' Bids was advertised. Six (06) contractors uplifted the tender documents but only one (01) submitted a bid. Bluebird / AHLAL has met all the necessary conditions and requirements.

Expansion works will be carried out within 12 weeks following the signing of the contract.

3. Lipoti o le Fono a le Pacific Islands Digital Opportunity.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Fono a le Pacific Islands Digital Opportunity po o le Vaega Faapitoa mo Atinae Tau Fesootaiga Faaonaponei i totonu o le Pasefika, sa usua i Tokyo, Iapani, mai le aso 20 – 22 Fepuari, 2007.

O lea Fono na faamautu ai vaega e lua o le a agai i ai le fesoasoani a le PIDO i totonu o le Pasefika. O ia vaega e lua e aofia ai le tuufaatasia o ni taiala mo le atinae o fesootaiga faaonapo nei i totonu o isi motu o le Pasefika e pei o Samoa faapea ai le faatautaia o suesuega i totonu o isi atunuu ina ia mafai ona faatino se polokalame i afioaga i tua e pei o maota fesootai i Samoa.

O le Faaululuga o le Ofisa o Mataupu ma Faamatalaga Tau i Fesootaiga Televavave Faaonapo nei, Susuga Gisa Fuatai Purcell, sa fai ma Sui o Samoa i lea faamoemoe.

Report on the Pacific Islands Digital Opportunity Meeting.

Cabinet has approved the Report on the Pacific Islands Digital Opportunity Meeting, that was held in Tokyo, Japan, from the 20 – 22 February, 2007.

At this Meeting, PIDO has reaffirmed its commitment to : compiling a set of guidelines for the development of information and communication technology in other Pacific countries as well as conducting research for the establishment of telecentres within rural villages in some Pacific countries that need them.

Manager of the ICT Secretariat and Secretary of the National ICT Committee, Gisa Fuatai Purcell, represented Samoa at this Meeting.

4. Tulafono Faapoloaiga mo le Taofia o le Auina atu i fafo o Ie Samoa.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta teuteuga o le ata o le Tulafono Faapoloaiga mo le Taofia o le Auina atu o le Ie Samoa i atunuu i fafo, mo le faamaoniga a Lana Afioga Mamalu, le Ao o le Malo, Susuga Malietoa Tanumafili II.

O nei teuteuga e faapea :

- Mo maliu : 10 Ie toga a le tagata malaga e toatasi.
- Mo se maliu po o se faalavelave : 40 ie tetele mo se malaga toatele.
- Mo se malaga suetupe a se ekalesia po o se nuu : 100 ie tetele.

Order under the Customs Act prohibiting the exportation of fine mats overseas

Cabinet has approved the amendments of the Order under the Customs Act to prohibit the exportation of fine mats overseas, for the endorsement by His Highness, the Head of State, Susuga Malietoa Tanumafili II.

The amendments are as follows :

- Funeral : 10 Samoan fine mats per individual traveler
- Funeral, Cultural or any other like event : 40 Samoan fine mats per traveling group.
- Village and Church Groups traveling for fundraising purposes : 100 Samoan fine mats.

5. Lipoti o le Fono o Mataupu Tau Felauaiga ma Fesootaiga Tau Va'a La'upasese

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Fono o Mataupu Tau Felauaiga ma Fesootaiga Tau Va'a La'upasese, sa usua i Miami, Florida mai le aso 12 – 15 Mati, 2007.

O nisi o mataupu aoga sa silasila toto'a i ai Sui o Samoa sa auai i lenei Fono e aofia ai le : suia o le tau o le taulaina o se vaa la'upasese i se uafu; faataatia o se metotia e pei o le totogiina atu i le Malo o se tupe e faimalaga mai ai nei vaa i totonu o le atunuu e pei o lo o faia i isi atunuu o le lalolagi e faatosina mai ai turisi, ma ia faamalositia le faatuina o se faalapotopotoga e aofia ai le Pulega o Uafu ma Taulaga, Pulega o Malae Vaalele ma sui o Ofisa Malaga e tagatagai i ni auala e una'ia ai lenei ituaiga atina'e.

O le uluai taimi lea ua auai ai Samoa i lenei faamoemoe. O le Pule Sili o le Pulega o Uafu ma Taulaga, Afioga Toleafoa E Betham, tamaitai Pule Sili o le Ofisa o le Polynesian Explorer, Vaimasenuu Zita Martel, Ofisa Sinia o le Pulega o

Tagata Tafafao Maimoa Fafo, Stella Fong ma le tamaitai Ofisa o le Pulega o Uafu ma Taulaga, Faaalualuo Floris Niu, sa fai mai Sui o Samoa i lenei Fono.

Report on Seatrade Convention

Cabinet has approved the Report on the Seatrade Cruise Shipping and Super Yacht Convention, that took place in Miami, Florida, from the 12 – 15 March, 2007.

Among the matters Samoa's representatives have put into consideration following this Convention include : modifying port charges for cruise line ships docking at our ports; and establishing an organisation made up of the Samoa Ports Authority, Samoa Airport Authority and Travel/ Shipping Agents under the name "**Samoa Cruise, Travel Group**", that will be specifically responsible for the development of cruise shipping in Samoa.

Samoa has only attended the Convention for the first time and its representatives included the Chief Executive Officer of Samoa Ports Authority, Afioga Toleafoa E. Betham, Manager of Polynesian Explorer, Vaimasenuu Zita Martel, Samoa Tourism Authority Principal Marketing Officer, Mrs Stella Fong, and Samoa Ports Authority Marketing Officer, Faaalualuo Floris Niu.

6. \$500, 000 e faavae ai Teugatupe faapitoa mo le Faalapotopotoga o Vaa a Samoa.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le iugafono a le Komiti Faatonu a le Faalapotopotoga o Vaa a Samoa e totogiina atu se vaega tupe e tusa ma le \$500,000 tala i le Matagaluega o Tupe e faavae ai se teugatupe faapitoa e faaagaga mo le faaleleia ma le toe suia o vaa a le Faalapotopotoga i le lumanai.

O lenei teugatupe faapitoa o se tasi o vaega o aiaiga ua tuuina mai e le Malo o Iapani i le talosaga a le Malo o Samoa mo se isi vaa e sui ai le vaa o le MV Lady Naomi.

O le faatupeina o lenei teugatupe faapitoa o le a tauala mai i tufatufaga o tupe faasili a le Faalapotopotoga o Vaa a Samoa mo le tausaga faaletupe na faaiuina i le aso 30 Iuni, 2006.

\$500,000 tala to establish special purpose account for Samoa Shipping Corporation.

Cabinet has approved the decision by the Samoa Shipping Corporation Board to allocate \$500,000 tala to set up a special purpose account to fund upgrade works and replacement of ferries currently used by the Corporation.

The establishment of the special purpose account is one of the conditions given by the Japanese Government that Samoa must satisfy in its request for an additional ferry to replace MV Lady Naomi.

The set amount will be paid through dividends from profits generated by the Samoa Shipping Corporation.

7. Fesuaiga o le Tau o le Suauu ma Penisini mo le masina o Aperila, 2007.

Ua tauaaoina e le Kapeneta le fesuaiga o tau o le suauu ma le penisini mo le masina o Aperila, 2007.

O le tau o le penisini ua siitia maualuga nei i le 22.96 sene i le lita. O le siitaga o le tiso ma le karasini ua siitia i le 6.58 sene ma le 7.6 sene i le lita.

O le tulaga vevesi o lo o tulai mai i le va o Iran ma atunuu i Sisifo o le a avea ma mafuaaga o le faaauau ai pea o le siitia o le tau o le suauu.

SUAU'U	MATI	APERILA	SUIGA
PENISINI	211.3 sene/lita	234.3 sene/ lita	(23) sene / lita (9.8%)
TISO	221.3 sene/ lita	227.9 sene / lita	(6.6) sene / lita (2.3%)
KARASINI	206.5 sene/ lita	214.1 sene / lita	(7.6) sene / lita (3.5%)

Tau fou i Pamu taitasi mo le masina o Aperila 2007

Penisini	\$2.34 i le lita
Tiso	\$2.28 i le lita
Karasini	\$2.14 i le lita

	SAMOA	AUSETALIA		NIU SILA	
	SAT	AUD	SAT	NZD	SAT
PENISINI	\$2.34	\$1.27	\$2.77	\$1.55	\$3.01
TISO	\$2.27	\$1.25	\$2.73	\$0.99	\$1.92

National Fuel Prices for April, 2007

Cabinet has received the national fuel prices for the month of April, 2007.

Petrol prices will increase by 22.96 sene per litre. Diesel and kerosene prices will also increase by 6.58 sene per litre and 7.6 sene per litre.

The geopolitical tension between Iran and the western countries is likely to put continuing pressure on fuel prices.

FUEL	MARCH	APRIL	CHANGE
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DIESEL	221.3 sene / litre	227.9 sene / litre	(6.6) sene / litre (2.3 %)
KEROSENE	206.5 sene / litre	214.1 sene / litre	(7.6) sene / litre (3.5 %)

New Prices at the Service Stations from 1 April, 2007

Unleaded Petrol	\$2.34 per litre
Diesel	\$2.28 per litre
Kerosene	\$2.14 per litre

	SAMOA	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND	
	SAT	AUD	SAT	NZD	SAT
PETROL	\$2.34	\$1.27	\$2.77	\$1.55	\$3.01
DIESEL	\$2.27	\$1.25	\$2.73	\$0.99	\$1.92

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