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Press Releases

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1. Faaaloaloga a le Malo mo le Au Taitoafitu.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le avea o le Aso Faraile 13 Aperila, 2007 mai le 12 i le aoauli ma aso malolo e faailoga ai le manumalo o le Autaitoafitu a le atunuu i le Taamilosaga Lakapi Faavaomalo o le Hong Kong Sevens na sei mavae atu nei.

O le a faia foi se 'aiga e tali faaaloalo atu ai le Malo mo le 'Au i lea lava aso i le Maota o le Faleata Sports Complex i Tuanaimato, e valaaulia ai i latou o lo o umia tofiga taualoa a le Malo, matua ma faifeau a le 'au taaalo, sui o Ekalesia Soofaatasi atoa ai ma nisi o Sui o le 'Au Taitoafitu na uluai siamupini i le Taitoafitu i Hong Kong i le tausaga e 1993.

O lea lava aso o le a faia ai foi se savali faaaloalo a le 'Au Taitoafitu e faatino i luma o le Maota o le Malo i le Eleele Fou i le itula e iva i le taeao.

Public Holiday to honour Manu Samoa's victory in Hong Kong.

Cabinet has approved the allocation of Friday 13th April, 2007 as a public holiday commencing 12 noon, to celebrate the Manu Samoa Sevens Team's victory at the 2007 Hong Kong Sevens.

Government will be hosting a lunch on this day at the Faleata Sports Complex Fale to welcome the Team. Government Officials, parents and church ministers, members of the National Council of Churches and representatives of the Manu Samoa Sevens Team that won the 1993 Hong Kong Sevens will be invited.

The Manu Samoa Sevens Team's parade for the Government Complex FMFM II Building is scheduled at 9am.

2. Malaga le Minisita o Galuega i Tutuila.

O lo o i ai nei i Amerika Samoa le Afioaga i le Minisita o Galuega, Felaua'iga ma Atina'e Eseese, Afioaga Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau, mo le Fono ma le Ofisa o le Faalapotopotoga o Va'a a Samoa i Tutuila.

O lenei Fono o le a faatalanoaina ai mataupu e faatatau i auaunaga a le Faalapotopotoga o Va'a a Samoa i femalaga'iga i le va o motu e lua faapea ai galuega fou o lo o manaomia ai vaa la'uuta a Samoa mo Manu'a.

O lo o auai foi i lenei Fono Sui o le Komiti Faatonu a le Kamupani Vaa a Samoa, Susuga Palea Va'alele Faaolotoi, Afioga Toleafoa Tamasone Esera, faapea ai ma le Pule Sili o le Kamupani Vaa a Samoa, Susuga Papalii Willie Nansen.

Honourable Minister of Works travels to Pago

The Honourable Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Afioga Tuisugaletaua S. Aveau, is in American Samoa to attend a Meeting with representatives of the Samoa Shipping Corporation Office in American Samoa scheduled for 10 – 11 April, 2007.

The Meeting discusses issues on shipping services provided by the Samoa Shipping Corporation between the two countries and to consult with Samoa Shipping Corporation partners in American Samoa that are utilizing MV Fotu o Samoa's chartered services to Manua.

The Chief Executive Officer, Samoa Shipping Corporation, Susuga Papalii Willie Nansen, and two Samoa Shipping Corporation Board representatives, Palea Vaalele Faaolotoi and Afioga Toleafoa T Esera, are accompanying the honourable Minister.

3. Malaga le Minisita o Soifua Maloloina i Madrid.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Afioga i le Minisita o Soifua Maloloina, Afioga Gatoloa'ifaana i le Fono Aoao o Tina o lo o Avea ma Taitai i le Lalolagi, e faia i Madrid, Sepania, i le aso 13 – 14 Aperila, 2007.

O lenei Fono o le a faasoa ai taitai tamaitai o le a auai i o latou agavaa faataitai i mataupu tau soifua maloloina o tamaitai, mataupu tau polokiki aemaise o mataupu tau tupe mo le soifua maloloina i tulaga tau faiga faavae.

O le Pule o le Sili o le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina, Susuga Palanitina Tupuimatagi Toelupe, o le a auai faatasi ma le Afioga i le Minisita, e fai mai Sui o lenei itulagi i lea Fono.

Honourable Minister of Health attends Meeting in Madrid.

Cabinet has approved the acceptance by the Honourable Minister of Health, Afioga Gatoloa'ifa'ana Amataga Gidlow, of the invitation by the Council of World Women Leaders, to attend the Council of World Women Leaders Meeting that will take place in Madrid, Spain from the 13 – 14 April, 2007.

At this Meeting, women leaders will share their leadership knowledge and skills on issues such as women's health, politics as well as health policies.

The CEO, Health Ministry, Susuga Palanitina Tupuimatagi Toelupe, together with the Honourable Minister of Health, will represent Samoa and the Pacific Region at this Meeting.

4. Fono a le Pulega o Kamupani Vaa a Samoa ma le International Transport Workers Federation in Niu Sila.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Pule Sili o le Kamupani Vaa a Samoa, Afioga Sala T. To'alepai, ma le Sui o le Komiti Faatonu o le Kamupani Vaa a Samoa, Afioga Oloialii K. Tuala, i Fono ma le Faalapotopotoga o le International Transport Workers Federation ma le Ofisa o le FCM Travel Solution, e faataunuaina i Aukilani, Niu Sila, i le aso 12 ma le aso 14 o Aperila, 2007.

O le Fono ma le Faalapotopotoga o le ITWF o le a toe faatalanoa ai mataupu faatatau i totogi o seila feoa'i vaa faavaomalo a Samoa o lo o galulue i luga o le vaa MV Forum Samoa II ae o le Fono ma le Ofisa o le FCM Travel Solution o le a talanoaina ai le faatumauina pea o le feagaiga e pa'ū maualalo ai pasese o lo o ofoina mai mo seila Samoa e malaga ese ai mai Niu Sila ma agai atu i isi vaega o le lalolagi.

O le a malaga faatasi Sui o le Kamupani Vaa a Samoa ma le Afioga i le Sui Palemia, o ia foi o le Taitaifono o le Kamupani Vaa a le atunuu, Afioga Misa Telefoni i lenei faamoemoe.

Samoa Shipping Services officials meet with International Transport Workers Federation in New Zealand.

Cabinet has approved the travel of the General Manager, Samoa Shipping Services, Afioga Sala T. To'alepai, and member of the Samoa Shipping Services Board, Afioga Oloialii K. Tuala, to attend a Meeting with the International Transport Workers Federation and FCM Travel Solution, on the 12th and 14th April, 2007.

The Meetings with ITF and FCM Travel Solution will discuss ITF salary rates for Samoan sailors working onboard MV Forum Samoa II and IATA discount fares for Samoan sailors traveling from New Zealand to work in different parts of the world.

The General Manager and Board Member, Samoa Shipping Services, will accompany the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, who is also the Chairman of the Samoa Shipping Services, Afioga Misa Telefoni, at this Meeting.

5. Lipoti o le Galuega o le Faletupe o Atina'e.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le faagasologa o le galuega o le maota fou o le Faletupe o Atina A'e.

O lo o ta'ua i le Lipoti ua maea le galuega o le fauga o le fale ma ua faamautuina e ala i le sainia o le Practical Completion Certificate, se'i vagana ai galuega o le faatotogaina o le fale ma le faatulagaina o le nofoaga mo paka o taavale o lo o fuafua e faamaea a o le i o'o i le vaiaso mulimuli o Aperila.

O le Aso Faraile 27 o Aperila, 2007, ua fuafua e tatala aloa'ia ai lenei maota fou.

Latest Report on Construction Works for the new Development Bank of Samoa Building.

Cabinet has approved the Report on construction works for the new Development Bank of Samoa Building.

As stated in the Report, construction works for the Building have been completed and certified through a Practical Completion Certificate. The remaining works include tiling, car park and site placements.

The new building according to plan is expected to officially open on Friday 27th April, 2007.

6. \$261,000 Tala mo le faaleleia o fale nofo tumau a le Kolisi o Avele

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina o le vaegatupe e tusa ma le \$261,000 tala mo le faaleleia o fale nofo tumau a le Kolisi o Avele.

O le taimi nei e fa fale o le Nofo Tumau o lo o faaaogaina e fanau aoga o lo o nofo tumau ma i latou o lo o i le tausaga 12 ma le 13. O le toe fausia atoa o nei fale o le a fesoasoani tele i le atiina a'eina o alo ma fanau o le Kolisi ma le faamaopoopoina pea o tama ma teine o le Kolisi mai le taapeape i nisi nofoaga.

\$261,000 Tala for renovation of Avele College Hostel dormitories.

Cabinet has approved funding of \$261,000 Tala for the renovation of Avele College Hostel's dormitories.

Currently, there are four dormitories used by the hostel students and those in Years 12 and 13. The construction of new dorms will certainly assist the students' academic and social developments.

7. Manumalo le Kamupani a le Ott Transport i le galuega mo le toe faataina o auala i le taulaga o Apia.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le iugafono a le Komiti o Tauofoga e tuuina atu le galuega mo le toe faataina o auala o le taulaga o Apia i le Kamupani a le Ott Transport.

Sa faasalalauina lenei galuega mo ni tauofoga e tusa ai ma faiga faavae a le Komiti o Tauofoga. E na o le lua kamupani na tuuina ane a latou ofo. I le maea ai o suesuega ma iloiloga a le Komiti, na tuuina atu ai loa le galuega i le Kamupani a le Ott Transport, e pito i maualalo lana ofo ma ua faamalieina aiaiga uma o le tauofoga.

O le a faatinoina le galuega i totonu o le ono (6) vaiaso i le maea ai ona sainia le konekarate.

Ott Transport awarded overlay works for roads in the Apia township.

Cabinet has approved the recommendation by the Tenders' Board to contract Ott Transport to undertake overlay works for roads in the Apia township.

An invitation for Tenders' Bids was advertised and only two (02) contractors submitted their bids. Ott Transport submitted the lowest bid and has met all the necessary conditions and requirements.

Overlay works will take place within six weeks following the signing of the contract.

8. Manumalo le Kamupani a le QDCG Overseas Development (Samoa) Ltd i le fauga o le fale matamata mo le Taaloga o le Soka.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le galuega mo le tusiina o le ata ma le fauga o le fale matamata mo le taaloga o le Soka i le Malae Taalo i Faleata.

O lenei galuega sa faasalalauina e pei o tulaga masani o tauofoga ma e tolu (3) kamupani sa tuuina atu a latou ofo. Ua tuuina atu nei le galuega i le Kamupani a le QDCG Overseas Development (Samoa) Ltd e pito i maualalo lana ofo ma ua faamalieina aiaiga uma o le tauofoga, i le maea ai o iloiloga ma suesuega a le Komiti o Tauofoga.

O le a faatinoina lenei galuega i totonu o le fa masina.

QDCG awarded design and construction of Soccer grandstand

Cabinet has approved the recommendation by the Tenders' Board to award design and construction of the Soccer grandstand at the Soccer Grounds, Faleata Sports Complex to QDCG Overseas Development (Samoa) Ltd.

Calls for tenders were advertised and three (03) companies submitted bids. Following research and investigations by the Tenders Board, the contract is awarded to QDCG Overseas Development (Samoa) Ltd which submitted the lowest bid and has met all the conditions and requirements of the Tender.

Design and construction works will take place within four (04) months.

9. Tuuina galuega mo le toe faataina o auala i Vailoa ma Tulaele i le Kamupani a le SWEL.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o galuega mo le toe faataina o auala, faaleleia o alavai ma le fausia o ala savali i afioaga o Tulaele ma Vailoa i le Kamupani a le SWEL.

Sa faasalalauina leni galuega mo ni tauofoga e tusa ai ma aiaiga a le Komiti o Tauofoga ma e lima (5) kamupani sa tuuina atu a latou ofo. I le maea ai o iloiloga ma suesuega a le Komiti, ua tuuina atu nei le galuega i le Kamupani a le SWEL e pito i maualalo lana ofo ma ua faamalieina foi aiaiga uma o le tauofoga.

O le a faatino galuega uma e lua i totonu o le ta'i lima vaiaso pe a maea ona sainia konekarate.

SWEL awarded overlay works for Vailoa and Tulaele Roads

Cabinet has approved the recommendation by the Tenders Board to contract SWEL Company, to undertake overlay works, construction of footpaths and drains.

An invitation for Tenders' Bids was advertised and five (05) companies submitted bids. Following the Board's investigations and assessments the contract is awarded to SWEL Company which submitted the lowest bid and has met all the conditions and requirements of the Tender.

Works for each Road will be put in place in five weeks following the signing of the contract.

10. Vaegatupe mo le faatauina o mea aoga mo Aoga a le Malo.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le faamatuu atu o le vaega tupe e tusa ma le \$3,500,000.00 tala mo le faatauina o mea aoga mo aoga a le Malo i le tausaga faaletupe 2007/2008.

O lo o aofia i lenei aofaiga le totogi o tiute ma lafoga, e totogi atu e le Matagaluega o Aoga, Taaloga ma Aganuu, i le Matagaluega o Tupe Maua.

Funding for purchase of stationeries for Government schools.

Cabinet has approved the allocation of \$3,500,000.00 tala for the purchase of stationeries for Government schools in the financial year 2007/2008.

Custom duties costs and VAGST are included in this amount, which will be paid by the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture to the Ministry of Revenue.

11. Lipoti o le Malaga a le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega a le Palemia ma le Kapeneta.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le malaga a le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega a le Palemia ma le Kapeneta, Afioga Auseugaefa Vaasatia P. Komiti, sa faataunuuna i Niu Sila mai le aso 27 – 30 o Mati, 2007.

Fono a le Proliferation Security Initiatives, Aukilani, aso 29 Mati

- Sa lauliliuina i lenei Fono mataupu faatatau i le puipuiga ma le saogalemu o atunuu o le lalolagi aemaise o le galulue faatasi i taumafaiga e faaitiitia ai a'upega malolosi e ono aafia ai le toatele o tagata.

Asiasiga i le Vaega o lo o galulue i faatoaga apu i Hawkes Bay, aso 30 Mati.

- O lo o taua i lenei Lipoti o lo o lelei le gasologa o galuega a i latou o lo o galulue i faatoaga e lua. O lea asiasiga sa auai ai ma Sui o le Matagaluega o le Leipa a le Malo o Niu Sila. O lo o fuafua e toe faafoi mai i Samoa se tasi o alii o le vaega tau apu na sola i Aukilani ma nofo ai lava.

Sainiga o le Feagaiga Recognised Seasonal Employer.

- Ua fuafua e auai atu le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega a le Palemia ma le Kapeneta i le sainiga o lea faamoemoe i le aso 20 Aperila, 2007.

Report on Pacific Security Initiatives Meeting.

Cabinet has approved the Report regarding the trip by the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Afioga Auseugaefa Va'asatia P. Komiti, to New Zealand on the 27 – 30 March, 2007.

Proliferation Security Initiatives Meeting, 29th March.

- Issues discussed at this Meeting include efforts to promote safety and security of all countries from the weapons of mass destruction.

Inspection on Samoan Seasonal Workers in Hawkes Bay, 30th March.

- It is stated in the Report that the recruited Samoan workers are carrying out their duties satisfactorily. Representatives from New Zealand's Department of Labour were also present during the inspection. One of the workers will be sent back to Samoa after he failed to comply with the conditions of the Scheme.

Signing of the Recognised Seasonal Employer Agreement.

- The CEO, Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, will attend the signing of the RSE Agreement between the Government of New Zealand and Pacific Countries including Samoa on the 20th April, 2007. This new seasonal work scheme will allow temporary migrants from the Pacific to work in horticulture and viticulture industries in New Zealand.

12. Lipoti o le Fono a le ACP – EC ma le Malaga Taamilo a Sui o le PACP.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Fono a le ACP – EC ma le Malaga Taamilo a Sui o le PACP, sa usua i Brussels, Suitiselani, mai le aso 27 Fepuari – 13 Mati, 2007.

Fono a Minisita o lo o feagai ma feutagaiga o EPA, 27 – 28 Fepuari, 2007

- O lo o ta'ua i le Lipoti o lenei fono sa talanoaina ai mataupu faatatau i le atiina a'e o tamaoaga i totonu o Li'o ma atunuu o le ACP lea e aofia ai ma Samoa ma sa faamamafa ai e Minisita le faamoemoe e tatau ona tuuina mai e le Iuni a Europa se vaegatupe e faatino ai feutagaiga mo atiina a'e e pei ona talanoaina.

Fono a Minisita o le Pasefika ma le Komesina o le Iuni a Europa, 1 Mati, 2007.

- O nisi o mataupu sa lauliliuina i lea Fono e aofia ai : tulafono mo le Feagaiga mo Oloa Gaosia, Feagaiga mo Faigafaiva ma oloa mai Faigafaiva ia avea o se vaega o EPA, le tulaga o le faatuina o pisinisi ina ia manuia ai pisinisi o lo o faagai i totonu o le PACP. I le maea ai o felafolafoaiga i le va o le PACP ma le EC na faamaonia ai loa le tusia o se Faamatalaga Tuufaatasia e faailoa ai vaega e tatau ona faatinoina mo agai i luma o fefaatauaiga.

Fono ma Sui o le Centre for the Development Enterprise, 7 Mati, 2007.

- O mataupu sa talanoaina i lea Fono e aofia ai le : talosaga a atunuu ma faalapopotoga o le Pasefika mo le faatuina o le Ofisa Tutotonu a le CDE i le Pasefika; laasaga ua i ai le maketi mo le 'ava po o oloa gaosi mai le 'ava i Europa ma le filifilia o se tasi e avea ma Sui o le CDE i Samoa.

Fono a Minisita o Fefaatauaiga a le ACP ma Minisita o Atiina a'e a le EU, 12 – 13 Mati, 2007.

- O lo o ta'ua i lenei Lipoti sa maitauina ai le naunau umao itu e faaauau pea feutagaiga mo EPA ma ua fautuaina e le 'Au malaga sa auai i nei faamoemoe le faatumauina pea o le lagolago a Samoa i feutagaiga a le EPA ma le PACP. O le Afioga i le Minisita Lagolago o le Matagaluega o Pisinisi, Alamanuia, Susuga Joe Keil, sa avea ma taitaifono a le itulagi a le Pasefika i ia faamoemoe.

O le Afioga i le Minisita Lagolago o le Matagaluega o Pisinisi, Alamanuia ma Leipa, Susuga Joe Keil, sa ta'ita'ia le 'Au Malaga mo lea faamoemoe e aofia ai le Pule Lagolago o le Matagaluega o Vaifafo ma Fefaatauaiga, Afioga Auelua Samuelu Enari, faapea ai le Amupasa o Samoa i Brussels, Afioga Tuala Falani Chan Tung.

Report on the ACP- EC Meeting and PACP Tour in Brussels.

Cabinet has approved the Report on the ACP-EC and PACP Meetings, that took place in Brussels Belgium, from 27 February – 13 March, 2007.

ACP Ministers Meeting 27 – 28 February.

- Issues discussed at this Meeting include : the development aspects of Economic Partnership Agreements and Ministers took note of the proposal by the European Union to allocate funding to finance accompanying measures linked to EPAs.

ACP Ministers Meeting with European Commission, 01 March.

- Matters of importance discussed at this Meeting include: Rules of Origin for Trade in Goods; Multilateral Fisheries Agreement and promoting investment services for PACP countries.

Meeting with Centre of Development Enterprise, 07 March

- Issues addressed at this Meeting include : a request by Pacific countries to set a regional office for CDE in the Pacific, the possibilities of marketing kava and kava products in Europe and selecting a CDE representative in Samoa.

ACP Trade Ministers Meeting with EU Development Ministers, 12-13 March

- It is stated in the Report that Pacific and EU Ministers have shown willingness to put in place negotiations regarding the Economic Partnership Agreements.

Hon. Associate Minister of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour, Susuga Joe Keil, led the Samoan delegation which included the Assistant CEO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Afioga Auelua Samuelu Enari, and Samoa's Ambassador to Brussels, Afioga Tuala Falani Chan Tung.

13. Faamatuu atu e le Malo le Falegaosioloa sa i ai le Desico i le Kamupani a le C.J Exports Ltd.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le faamatuuina atu o le falegaosioloa faatasi ai ma le tolu(3) eka sa i ai le kamupani a le Desico Samoa i le Kamupani o le C.J Exports Ltd, mo le atiina ae o le suauu popo ma nisi oloa i lalo o se feagaiga faalisi.

E lua ni kamupani sa tuuina atu a latou talosaga i le Faalapotopotoga o Alamanuia mo le Lumanai o Samoa e faaaogaina ai le fale ma le fanua mo le atiina ae o le suauu popo. I le maea ai o sailiiliga a le Komiti Faafoe ua tuuina atu ai le faagaioioiga o le falegaosioloa ma le fanua i le kamupani a le C.J Exports ona o le lelei o le tulaga tau tupe ma e le o manaomia tele ai se fesoasoani mai le SNPF mo le faatinoina o lea atiina ae.

O le Kamupani a le C.J Exports, sa taulamua i le maketiina o le i'a mai Samoa ma sa fesoasoani tele i le 'au faivaalia i le amataga mai o lea atiina ae. O lo o faagaioia foi e lenei kamupani le faleoloa o le M.D's Big Fresh ma o i latou foi e umia fale ma fanua o lo o i lea nofoaga i Matautu Tai.

C.J Exports takes over SNPF's Coconut Plant at Vaitele formerly operated as Desico Samoa Ltd .

C.J Exports Ltd has taken over SNPF's Coconut Plant at Vaitele and three acres of land on which it is located, under a lease agreement, following Cabinet approval.

Two companies tendered proposals to SNPF for the operation of the Coconut Plant. Following assessments by the Board, the operation of the Plant has now been delegated to C.J Exports Ltd, of which it has a credible financial background and is capable of operating the business independently.

C.J Exports Ltd has been at the forefront in efforts to market local fish overseas which has been of help to the local fishing industry. Owners of CJ Exports are also owners of MD's Big Fresh Store and land on which the business is located at Matautu Tai.

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