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**Press Release**

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### **1. Polokalame mo le faamanatuina o le Aso Sa o Tamā, 2007**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Polokalame mo le faamanatuina o le Aso Sa Faapitoa mo Tamā, 2007, ma o le Aso Tofi, 9 o Aukuso 2007, o le a faataunuu ai se semina o le aso faapitoa o Tamā i le Maota o Tooa Salamasina i Sogi.

O le afa o le iva i le taeao o le a amata ai le Sauniga ma o le Afioga i le Minisita o Tina ma le Atiina A'e o le Soifua Lelei o Tagata, Afioga Fiamē Naomi Mataafa, e fofogaina le saunoaga faapitoa.

O lo o ave le faamamafa mo sauniga o lenei tausaga i faiganuu lelei ma pulega faamatai i nuu ma afioga i tua ma o le manatu autu o lenei tausaga, 2007, **“Aganuu ma le Talalelei o le anavatausi a tamā”**.

#### **National Fathers' Day celebrates**

Cabinet has approved the programme for the commemoration of Fathers' Day with a seminar taking place on Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> August, 2007 at the Maota o Tooa Salamasina at Sogi.

The ceremony begins at 9.30am with the Hon. Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, Afioga Fiamē Naomi Mataafa, delivering the keynote address.

The programme for this year 2007, focuses on good governance by village matais and the theme is **“Culture and Christianity – the testamental gift for all men”**.

### **2. Fono le Pulega o Tagata Tafafao Maimoa Mai Fafō ma Sui o le Poly Blue i Ausetalia**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o sui o le Pulega o Tagata Tafafao Maimoa mai Fafō i le Fono ma Sui o le kamupani vaalele o le Poly Blue e faataunuuina i Brisbane, Ausetalia, i le aso 10 o Aukuso, 2007.

O lenei Fono o le a soalaupuleina ai galuega faapa'aga e galulue faatasi ai le Pulega ma le kamupani vaalele a le Poly Blue aemaise ai o auala eseese mo le faalauiloaina o Samoa o Ausetalia ma Niu Sila.

O Sui o Samoa o le auai atu i lea faamoemoe e aofia le Pule Sili o le Pulega o Tagata Tafafao Maimoa mai Fafo, Afioga Matatamalii Sonja Hunter, Afioga Sala Pio Tagiilima, Susuga Fasitau Ula ma le Susuga Papalii Lorenzo Mc Farland.

### **STA management meets Poly Blue officials.**

Cabinet has approved the travel of Samoa Tourism Authority management to attend a Meeting with Poly Blue Airline officials in Brisbane, Australia, on the 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2007.

The Meeting will reaffirm partnership plans between STA and Poly Blue Airline and also looking at more comparative means to promote Samoa in New Zealand and Australia.

Samoa's representatives at this Meeting includes : CEO, Samoa Tourism Authority, Afioga Matatamalii Sonja Hunter, Afioga Sala Pio Tagiilima, Susuga Fasitau Ula as well as Susuga Papalii Lorenzo Mac Farland.

### **3. \$20,000 mo le Asosi a le Judo.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le fesoasoani tupe i le Asosi Judo a Samoa mo le Taamilosaga Judo a le Lalolagi ma le Fono a le Faalapotopotoga Judo a le Lalolagi e faia i Brazil mai le aso 5 – 22 Setema, 2007.

E toalua sui o Samoa ua filifilia mo lea faamoemoe ma o le a uluai tauva i laua i Taaloga o le Pasefika 2007 a o le'i tuuvaa atu mo le faamoemoe i Brazil.

O sui o Samoa ua filifilia e aofia ai le Susuga Frank Stowers ma le Susuga James Ah Kuoi. O le Susuga a Seumanutafa Semi Epati o le a auai e fai ma Sui o Samoa i le Fono a le Faalapotopotoga Judo a le Lalolagi e faataunuu i le taimi o le Taamilosaga.

### **\$20,000 for Samoa Judo Association**

Cabinet has approved financial assistance of \$20,000 for Samoa Judo Association in its preparations for the upcoming Judo World Championships and International Judo Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from the 5 – 22 September, 2007.

Two of Samoa's best judo wrestlers have been selected to represent Samoa at this event. The pair will also be representing Samoa in the August – September South Pacific Games.

The two representatives are Frank Stowers and James Ah Kui as well as the President of Samoa Judo Association, Seumanutafa Semi Epati, who will represent Samoa at the International Judo Congress 2007.

#### **4. Lipoti o le Fono Lona Sefulu ma le Lima a Minisita o Tupe o le Taupulega.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Fono Lona Sefulu ma le Lima a Minisita o Tupe o le Taupulega atoa ai ma le Fono ma Paaga mo Atiina A'e sa usua i Palau mai le aso 10 – 13 Iulai, 2007.

Sa mataituina i ia Fono mataupu faatatau i le ogatasi o le tamaoaiga ma tulaga faigaluega ina ia mausali avanoa faigaluega faavaitaimi mo le atiina a'e lelei o tamaoaiga o atunuu o le Taupulega; tulaga o tulafono ina ia ogatasi ma le tamaoaiga; faatuina o se fesoasoani mo fautuaga mo le tamaoaiga i lona aotelega aemaise ai o le faatuina o se auaunaga mo tiute ma lafoga a le Taupulega.

O le usugafono a Samoa na taitaia e le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Tupe, Susuga Hinauri Petana, ma na auai atu ai le Kovana o le Faletupe Tutotonu, Afioga Leasi. P Tommy Scanlan, atoa ai ma le Pule Lagolago o le Vaega o Fuafuaga ma Faigafaavae o le Matagaluega o Tupe, Susuga Benjamin Pereira.

#### **Report on the 15<sup>th</sup> Forum Economic Ministers' Meeting.**

Cabinet has approved the Report on the 15<sup>th</sup> Forum Economic Ministers' Meeting and the Pacific Island Countries Development Partners Meeting, that took place in Palau, from 10 – 13 July, 2007.

Important matters that were discussed at these Meetings include : economic integration and labour mobility which recognizes the opportunities presented by seasonal employment schemes for regional economic development; regional options for economic regulation; establishment of an Accountable and Independent Macroeconomic and Microeconomic Technical Assistance Mechanism as well as establishment of a Regional Customs Service.

Samoa's delegation was led by CEO, Ministry of Finance, Susuga Hinauri Petana and representatives included Central Bank Governor, Afioga Leasi. P Tommy Scanlan and Assitant CEO, Economic Policy and Planning, Ministry of Finance, Susuga Benjamin Pereira.

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