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1. Lipoti o le Malaga a le Sui Palemia i Port Vila.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le malaga a le Afioga i le Sui Palemia, Afioga Misa Telefoni, na auai ai i le Fono a Minisita o Fefaatauaiga na usua i Port Vila, Vanuatu, mai le aso 31 Iulai – 03 Aukuso, 2007.

O lea Fono sa maua ai le avanoa o le Afioga i le Sui Palemia e feutanai ai ma le Minisita o Fefaatauaiga o Niu Sila, Susuga Phil Goff, i le mataupu faatatau i le ulufale atu o Samoa e fai ma sui auai o le Faalapotopotoga o Fefaatauaiga o le Lalolagi. O le masina o Novema, 2007 ua fuafua o le a sainia aloa'ia ai le feagaiga ma le Malo o Niu Sila faatatau i lea mataupu. E le gata i lea, sa feutanai foi le Afioga i le Sui Palemia ma le Minsita o Fefaatauaiga a le Malo o Ausetalia, Susuga Warren Truss, i le mataupu faatatau i le toe faatagaina ona faaulufale atu o oloa gaosia e le kamupani a le Yazaki i totonu o Ausetalia ma o le masina o Oketopa, 2007, o le a toe faafou ai lenei maliega mo le isi tolu tausaga.

Report by Hon. Deputy Prime Minister on bilateral discussions with New Zealand and Australia's Trade Ministers in Port Vila.

Cabinet has approved the Report on bilateral discussions between the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister, Afioga Misa Telefoni, and New Zealand and Australia's Trade Ministers, during the Trade Ministers' Meeting, that took place in Port Vila, Vanuatu, from 31 July – 03 August, 2007.

Matters of importance that were discussed include Samoa's accession to the World Trade Organisation. The Hon. Deputy Prime Minister sought discussion with New Zealand's Trade Minister, Hon. Phil Goff, on bilateral issues for Samoa's way forward. New Zealand and Samoa aim to formalize their bilateral agreement by November, 2007. Additionally, following discussions with Australia's Trade Minister, Hon Warren Truss, regarding permission for a further derogation to allow electrical harnessing manufactured by Yazaki Samoa Ltd to be imported from Samoa into Australia, the Australian government has approved a further 3 years derogation for electrical harnessing.

2. Lipoti o le Fono Faaletausaga o Polokalame o Fesoasoani a Paaga a Samoa.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Fono Faaletausaga o Talanoaga o Polokalame o Fesoasoani a Paaga a Samoa, e aofia ai Niu Sila, Ausetalia, Faletupe o le Lalolagi ma le Faletupe o Atiina A'e a Asia, sa usua i Ueligitone, Niu Sila, mai le aso 25 – 27 Iulai, 2007.

Sa mataituina i lea Fono vaega eseese o lo o faamatuu mai ai fesoasoani a nei paaga aemaise o le tulaga ua aveese mai ai Samoa ma le li'o o atunuu e vaivai o latou tamaoaiga. Sa talanoaina foi auala mo le faaleleia atili ai le tuuina mai o a latou fesoasoani mo le atiina a'e o le tamaoaiga o Samoa. O lo o ta'ua i le Lipoti ua i ai se siitaga e luasefulu pasene mo polokalame a Ausetalia ma Niu Sila mo Samoa. E le gata i lea ua i ai foi se faaopoopoga i fesoasoani tau nonogatupe mai le Faletupe o Asia. Sa faaaogaina foi lea Fono e soalaupule ai se tasi o galuega tele o lo o faamoemoe i ai le Malo e pei o le faatupeina o le Polokalame Faatino a le Malosiaga Faaletise o lo o agai mo le faamautuina i le va o le Faletupe o Asia, Ausetalia ma Iapani.

O le usugafono a Samoa i lea faamoemoe sa taitaia e le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Tupe, Susuga Hinauri Petana, ma sa aofia ai le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Aoga, Taaloga ma Aganuu, Afioga Tautapilimai Levaopolo T. Esera, Pule Sili, Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina, Pule Lagolago o le Matagaluega o Tupe, Susuga Noumea Simi, Pule Lagolago o le Matagaluega o le Komisi, Susuga Beth Onesemo Tuilaepa, Pule Lagolago o le Matagaluega o le Vaifafo ma Fefaatauaiga, Susuga Sharon Potoi Aiafi.

Report on Meeting with aid agencies

Cabinet has approved the Report on Samoa's Meeting with aid agencies including NZAID, AUSAID, Asian Development Bank and the World Bank, which took place in Wellington, New Zealand, from the 25 – 27 July, 2007.

This important Meeting addressed different areas pertaining to development assistance for Samoa with emphasis on Samoa's graduation from least developed countries status within the UN system as well as alternatives to further enhance development aids for Samoa. As stated in the Report, New Zealand and Australia's assistance through their **Joint Programme Strategy for Samoa** has now increased by 20 percent. As well, the Asian Development Bank has approved additional grant element for Samoa. The Meeting also discussed funding of the Electric Power Corporation's Power Generation Project.

CEO, Ministry of Finance, Susuga Hinauri Petana, led Samoa's delegation which included the CEO, Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture, Afioga Tautapilimai Levaopolo T. Esera, CEO, Ministry of Health, Susuga Palanitina Toelupe, Assistant CEO, Aid Coordination Division of the Ministry of Finance, Susuga Noumea Simi, Assistant CEO, Public Service Commission, Susuga Beth

Onesemo Tuilaepa, and Assistant CEO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade,
Susuga Sharon Potoi Aiafi.

3. Lomiga o Tupe Pepa fou.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le fuafuaga a le Faletupe Tutotonu mo le lolomiina o tupe pepa fou.

O lenei fuafuaga o se tasi o gaoiiga e tali atu ai i le faafitauli o tupe taufaasese o lo o faaoo atu i le Faletupe Tutotonu i tausaga taitasi. O le a faaalia i tupe pepa fou sini e faatatau ia Samoa lava ia ma o le a matua malu puipuia.

E ono masina ua tuuina atu i le kamupani a le De La Rue i Egelani, o lo o nafa ma le lolomiina o tupe pepa a Samoa mo le faatinoga o lenei faamoemoe.

New Tala Notes

Cabinet has approved the proposal by the Central Bank Board of Directors for the designing of new tala notes.

This plan aims to halt the use of counterfeit notes submitted to the Central bank every year. Features on all tala notes including two tala, five tala, ten tala, twenty tala, 50 tala and hundred tala notes will each present significant meanings with regards to Samoa.

The new tala notes are printed by De La Rue company in England and are expected to be launched after the next six months.

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