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**Press Releases**

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**1. Lipoti o le Fono a Kovana o Faletupe Tutotonu o le Pasefika I Saute.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Fono a Kovana o Faletupe Tutotonu o le li'o o le Pasefika, na usuia I Ueligitone, Niu Sila i le aso 8 o Tesema 2006.

O mataupu sa lauliliuina i lenei fono e aofia ai le : tulaga lata mai o i ai tamao'aiga o le lalolagi i le 2006; o tulaga o le faasoaina o tupe faaleoleo atoa ai ma le taua o tupe faamomoli I tamaoaiga o atunuu o le Pasefika.

O le Kovana o le Faletupe Tutotonu o Samoa, Afioga Leasi P Tommy Scanlan, ma le Susuga Atalina Enari, o se tasi o Ofisa Sinia o le Faletupe Tutotonu sa fai ma Sui o Samoa I lea Fono.

**Report on the Meeting of Central Bank Governors of the South Pacific.**

Cabinet has approved the Report on the Meeting of Central Bank Governors of the South Pacific that was held in Wellington New Zealand on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2006.

Issues discussed include the: latest update on the world's economic situation in 2006; update on Pacific countries' reserves and; the importance of remittances in the Pacific.

The Governor of the Central Bank of Samoa, Afioga Leasi P. Tommy Scanlan, and Atalina Enari, a Senior Officer of the Central Bank represented Samoa at this Meeting.

**2. \$25,000 tala mo le Kalapu Taalo a Malisi.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuina atu o le \$25,000 tala mo le Kalapu Taalo a le Malisi, mo le faamoemoe o le Taamilosaga Taitoafitu Faavaomalo a le Kalapu a le Malisi, e faia I le aso 23-24 o Fepuari, 2007.

O lenei faamoemoe o le a auai mai ai 'au mai atunuu i fafo e pei o Fiti, Niu Sila ma Ausetalia atoa ai ma 'au a Kalapu i Samoa nei. E taua tele lenei tauvaga i le tapenaina o tama fanau a Samoa i Taamilosaga Taitoafitu a le IRB.

### **\$25,000 tala for Marist St Joseph's Sports Club.**

Cabinet has approved financial assistance of \$25,000 tala for Marist St Joseph's Sports Club to assist the 20th Marist St Joseph's International Sevens that will take place from the 23-24 February, 2007.

Teams from Fiji, New Zealand and Australia together with teams from various local rugby clubs will participate. Marist Internationals Sevens Tournament is a better opportunity for Samoa to prepare and develop its local players for the IRB Sevens Circuit.

### **3. Taaloga Pasefika 2007 e avea ma Taaloga e Faailoa ai le Tete'e Atu I le Taumafa Tapaa.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le avea o Taaloga a le Pasefika 2007 e matua faailoa ai le tetee atu I le taumafa tapaa.

O lenei mau ua tuuina mai e le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina ina ia faamamafa ai le galuega faalepuipuiga o so'o se tagata mai aafiaga o le tapaa.

O Taaloga a le Pasefika 2007 o se avanoa faaauro o le a faatino ai e Samoa lana maliega ua maea ona faia I Malo Afaatasi, e avea ai o Sui o Malo o le Lalolagi e unaia lenei mataupu, ma faatinoina faiga faavae e tausia ai le soifua maloloina I se tulaga maualuga.

### **Smokefree South Pacific Games 2007**

Cabinet has endorsed this year's South Pacific Games as Smokefree South Pacific Games 2007.

This is an initiative by the Ministry of Health to highlight efforts to protect people from harmful effects of smoking.

The Smokefree South Pacific Games 2007 is a golden opportunity for Samoa to exercise its duties as a signatory to the World Health Organisation Framework Convention that it ratified in September 2003, and to perform policies that aim to improve health at a high level.

#### **4. Manumalo le Kamupani a le GMA mo le fauga o le auala laupapa I Salani.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le galuega mo le fausia o le auala laupapa I Salani I le Kamupani a le GMA Construction I le tau aofai e \$2,498,613.25 tala.

Sa faasalalauina lenei galuega mo ni ofo e pei lava o tulaga masani ma e na o le Kamupani a le GMA na tuuina atu lana tusi ofo. Sa faamalieina e le Kamupani a le GMA aiaiga uma o le tauofoga.

O lenei galuega o le a fausia e pei o le auala uamea sa faaaogaina I Falevao atoa ai ma le faaleleia o le auala I pito uma e lua. O le a aofia ai foi ma le fausia o ni taligalu e puipuia ai le auala.

#### **GMA Construction awarded construction of Salani Bridge.**

Cabinet has approved the recommendation by the Tenders Board to contract GMA Construction for the construction of the Salani Bridge at a cost of \$2,498,613.25 tala.

An invitation for Tenders' Bids was advertised and only GMA Construction submitted a bid. GMA Construction met all the necessary conditions and requirements.

Construction works will include constructing the Salani River crossing and seawall along the crossing.

#### **5. Faalauiloa Auaunaga a le SIFA i Asia.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le iugafono a le Komiti Faatonu o le Pulega o Teugatupe Faavaomalo (SIFA) e auina atu se Au Malaga Aloai'a a le Malo I Asia e unaia le faalauiloaina o ana auaunaga I le masina o Mati, 2007.

O le faataunuu ai o lea faamoemoe ona o le toatele o le aufaipisinisi o lo o faaaogaina auaunaga a le SIFA, o lo o alala ma aumau I totonu o Asia aemaise lava i totonu o le Malo Tele o Saina, Hong Kong ma Singapore.

O le a taitaia lenei Au Malaga e le Afioga I le Minisita o Tupe, Afioga Niko Lee Hang ma o le a auai atu ai le Taitaifono o le Komiti Faatonu o le SIFA, Afioga Leasi P. Tommy Scanlan, le Loia Sili, Susuga Ming Leung Wai, faapea le Pule Sili o le SIFA, Susuga Alosamoa Erna Vaai .

## **SIFA to promote offshore services in Asia.**

Cabinet has approved a decision by the Samoa International Finance Authority Board to send an official delegation to Asian countries for the purpose of promoting its offshore services overseas.

The official trip will cater for investors who are using SIFA's offshore services. Many of these investors are from Asian countries like China, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Honourable Minister of Finance, Afioga Niko Lee Hang, will lead the delegation. He will be accompanied by the Chairman of the SIFA Board, Afioga Leasi P. Tommy Scanlan, the Attorney General, Susuga Ming Leung Wai, and SIFA Chief Executive Officer, Afioga Alosamoa Erna Vaai.

## **6. Malaga Sui o Samoa I Fono a le ACP-EU**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o ni Sui o Samoa i Fono e lima a le ACP-EU e faia I Brussels e amata atu I le aso 26 Fepuari- 13 Mati, 2007.

O le faataunuuna ai o nei fono o se iugafono a le Fono Aoao a Minisita o le ACP, na faia I Sudan ia Tesema 2006, ma o le a soalaupuleina ai mataupu faataau I fefaatauaiga aemaise lava I feutagaiga o Maliega Faapa'aga I le Itu Tau Tamaoiga o itulagi o lo o aofia I le ACP – EU.

O le Afioga I le Minisita Lagolago o le Matagaluega o Pisinisi, Alamanuia ma Leipa, Afioga Hans J Keil, o le Pule Lagolago o le Matagaluega o le Vaifafo ma Fefaatauaiga, Tofa Auelua Samuelu Enari ma le Afioga I le Amupasa o Samoa I Brussels, Afioga Tuala Farani Chan Tung ,o le a fai ma Sui o Samoa I nei Fono taua.

### **Samoa Representatives to attend ACP-EU Meetings**

Cabinet has approved the travel of a delegation from Samoa to participate in 5 ACP-EU Meetings that will be held in Brussels from the 26<sup>th</sup> February- 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.

At its meeting in Sudan last year, the ACP Council of Ministers decided that the ACP Ministers responsible for Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA) in their countries should meet early this year, to take stock and provide political guidance on the way forward to a successful completion and conclusion of the negotiations of EPAs.

Hon. Associate Minister of Commerce, Industry and Labour, Afioga Hans J Keil, will lead the delegation. He will be accompanied by the Assistant CEO of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Tofa Auelua Samuelu Enari, and  
Ambassador of Samoa to Brussels, Afioga Tuala Farani Chan Tung.

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