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Press Releases

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**1. Tatala Aloa'ia le Soso'oga Fou o le Uafu Faavaomalo I Salelologa.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tatalaina aloa'ia o le soso'oga fou o le Uafu Faavaomalo i Salelologa i le Aso Faraile 2 Mati, 2007.

O le Afioga i le Palemia, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, o le a fofogaina le saunoaga autu o le faamoemoe. E amata le Sauniga i le 9:30 i le taeao.

**Opening of the new extension of the Salelologa International Port.**

Cabinet has approved the opening of the new extension of the Salelologa International Port on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2007.

Honourable Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi, will deliver the keynote address. The ceremony will take place at 9:30am.

**2. Lipoti o le Taulaina o le "Spirit of Oceanus" i Salelologa.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti faatatau i le taunuu mai ma le toe tu'u taula ese atu o le meli la'upasese o le **Spirit of Oceanus**, i le Uafu Faavaomalo i Salelologa i le Aso Sa, 11 o Fepuari, 2007.

Na taunuu ma le manuia ma saogalemu le ofi atu o lenei meli la'upasese i le 12:30 i le aoauli. Na tu'ua foi le uafu e aunoa ma se faafitauli.

O le taimi muamua lenei ua taula ai se meli la'upasese i le Uafu I Salelologa.

### **“Spirit of Oceanus” docked at Salelologa International Port.**

Cabinet has approved the Report on the successful dock of the **Spirit of Oceanus** cruiseliner, at Salelologa International Port on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2007.

The **Spirit of Oceanus** from Seattle, USA, successfully docked at Salelologa International Port at 12:30pm and also departed without any difficulties.

This is the first time a cruiseliner ship has docked at Salelologa International Port.

### **3. Faamatu’u ese tiute ma le VAGST mo totoga uma e faaoga mo le fauga o le Uafu mo Vaafaila I Apia.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le talosaga a le Pulega o Uafu ma Taulaga e faamatu’u ese le tiute ma lafoga o le VAGST o totoga uma e auina mai fafo mo le faaogaina e fausia ai le Uafu mo Va’afaila i Apia

O totoga uma e auina mai Niu Sila ma Amerika.

O lo o faagasolo i le taimi nei galuega mo le Uafu ma o lo o faamoemoe e tatalaina a’o le i amatalia Taaloga o le Pasefika i le masina o Aokuso.

### **Tax duties and VAGST on imported materials for Apia Marina removed**

Cabinet has approved the request by the Samoa Ports Authority to remove tax duties and VAGST on imported materials and equipment for the construction of the Apia Marina.

The materials and equipment are imported from New Zealand and the United States of America.

Construction works are expected to complete before the start of the South Pacific Games in August.

### **4. Feutaga’iga a le Pulega o le Malaevaalele a Samoa ma le Kamupani Faalelei Taavale Fuimū i Niu Sila**

Sa faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Afioga Tafilipepe Alefosio Matulino, i Feutaga’iga ma le Kamupani Faalelei Taavale Fuimu a le Malaevaalele I Niu Sila, mai le aso 21-23 Fepuari, 2007.

O nei feutagaiga e aofia ai le : talanoaina o le tulaga ua i ai nei le faagasologa o galuega mo le toe faaleleia o taavale fuimu a le Pulega o le Malaevaalele a Samoa, atoa ai ma se faataitaiga e faatatau i ia ituaiga galuega.

#### **Negotiation talks between Samoa Airport Authority and Aviation Fire Services Limited in New Zealand.**

Cabinet had approved the attendance of Tafilipepe Alefosio Matulino, to an invitation by the Aviation Fire Services Ltd in New Zealand to attend a testing process from the 21-23 February, 2007.

Part of the invitation includes negotiations on the fire trucks operations instigated by the Samoa Airport Authority.

#### **5. Fono a le Komiti o Tupe a le USP.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Susuga Hinauri Petana, i le Fono a le Komiti o Tupe a le Iunivesite o le Pasefika i Saute, e usuia i Fiti i le aso 28 o Fepuari, 2007.

O lenei fono o le a toe iloiloaina ai le talosaga a le Iunivesite mo se siitaga o sao o Malo o le Pasefika mo le faaauauina o polokalame ma le faagaoioiga o le Iunivesite.

O le Susuga Hinauri Petana, o le Failautusi o le Komiti o Tupe a le Iunivesite ma o ia foi o le Sui o Samoa i totonu o lea Komiti.

#### **USP Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting in Fiji.**

Cabinet has approved the travel of Ms Hinauri Petana, to attend the University of the South Pacific's Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting that will be held in Fiji on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 2007.

The meeting will review the budgetary allocations for each member country and to look at the implications of the decision by the University Council to increase budgetary contributions by each member country over the next three years.

Ms Hinauri Petana is Samoa's representative in the Finance and General Purposes Committee. She is also the Secretary of the Committee.

#### **6. Lipoti o le Galuega o le maota fou mo le Faletupe o Atiina'e.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Faagasologa o le Galuega o le maota fou o le Faletupe o Atiina'e ma le igoa o le a faaigoaina ai le maota.

E tusa ai ma le Lipoti ua faasolo ina maea galuega o le tino o le fale ma o le a faaigoaina o le **Samoa Development Bank Building**. O lo o faasalalauina pea avanoa o lo o totoe mo ofisa ma i latou o lo o mo'omia ofisa lelei mo a latou auaunaga.

O lo o i ai le fuafuaga e tatala aloai'a lenei fale fou i le masina o Aperila.

**Report on Construction Works for the new Development Bank of Samoa building.**

Cabinet has approved the Report on the new Development Bank of Samoa building currently under construction.

According to the Report, construction works are nearing completion and the new building will be named **Development Bank of Samoa Building**. Spaces for rent have also been advertised.

The new building according to plan is expected to officially open in April.

**7. \$10,000 tala mo le Asosi Pi'i a Samoa.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le fesoasoani tupe \$10,000 mo le Asosi Pi'i a Samoa, e auai atu ai i Taaloga Faavaomalo a le Osiania e faia i Niu Sila, i le aso 1-3 Mati, 2007.

O lenei tauvaga o le a auai atu ai 'au mai Ausetalia, Niu Sila ma atunuu laiti o le Osiania. E to'alima le 'au taaalo faatasi ai ma le ali'i ofisa e to'atasi o le a malaga i lea faamoemoe. O se tasi lenei o avanoa taua e tapena ai le Asosi mo Taaloga a le Pasefika i le masina o Aokuso.

**\$10,000 tala for Samoa Wrestling Federation**

Cabinet has approved financial assistance of \$10,000 to assist the Samoa Wrestling Federation in its preparations for the Oceania Wrestling Championships, that will be held in New Zealand from the 1 - 3 March, 2007.

Teams from New Zealand, Australia and smaller nations in the Oceania region will participate. Samoa's team comprises of 5 players and the coach. This tournament is a better opportunity for Samoa's younger athletes to gain international experience and to prepare for the upcoming South Pacific Games in August.

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