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Press Releases

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1. Tofia Arasi Tiotio e avea ma Pule Sili o le Faalapotopotoga o Eleele a Samoa.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le filifiliga o le Susuga Arasi Tiotio, i le tofiga o le Pule Sili o le Faalapotopotoga o Eleele a Samoa.

Sa faasalalauina lenei avanoa e pei o tulaga masani. E to'avalu (8) i latou sa tuuina atu a latou tusi talosaga, ma sa faatalanoaina uma i latou. I le maea ai o suesuega ma sailiiliga a le Komiti o Faatalanoaga, ua finagalo autasi ai i latou e filifilia le Susuga Arasi Tiotio i lenei tofiga.

O le Susuga ia Arasi na amata lona soifua aoaoina i Samoa ma faaaauu atu ai i le Iunivesite o Papua Niu Kini, lea na faauu mai ai ma lona faailoga o le BA Political Science i le 1990. O le taimi nei o loo taumafai o ia mo le faailoga o le Master in Business Administration i le Iunivesite a le Pasefika i Alafua. Sa amata galue le Susuga Arasi i le Ofisa o le Palemia i le 1991 o se Planning Officer ona faaaauu atu lea o lana tautua i le Ofisa o Tupe, o se Senior Planning Officer. Sa avea foi o ia ma Pule Lagolago o le Vaega Corporate Services a le Matagaluega o Faamasinoga ma le Faafoeina o Tulaga Tau Faamasinoga a o lei galue i le Faalapotopotoga o Eleele a Samoa i le 2002. E ono tausaga na avea ai o ia ma Pule o le Vaega o Esetete ma Atinae. O le taimi nei o loo avea o ia ma Sui Pule o le Faalapotopotoga o Eleele o Samoa. O se tamaitai ua 40 tausaga mai afioaga o Vaisala ma Safotu.

Arasi Tiotio appointed General Manager, Samoa Land Corporation.

Cabinet has approved the appointment of Arasi Tiotio, to the position of General Manager, Samoa Land Corporation.

The position was advertised. Eight (8) individuals applied and all of them were interviewed. Following the Interview Panel's thorough investigations and review, the Panel unanimously selected Arasi Tiotio.

Arasi Tiotio began her schooling locally and furthered her studies at the University of Papua New Guinea where she obtained a BA in Political Science in 1990. She is currently studying for a Master's Degree in Business Administration at the University of the South Pacific, Alafua. She began her working career at the Prime Minister's Department as a Planning Officer in 1991 and later on to Treasury as a Senior Planning Officer. Tiotio was also the ACEO for Corporate Services in the Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration for six years. She started working for Samoa Land Corporation in 2002 as the Manager for Estates and Development. Tiotio, 40, hails from the villages of Vaisala and Safotu.

2. Auina mai Molimau mo le Faamasinoga o Stephen Gibson.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auina mai fafo o le molimau mo le faamasinoga i le va o Leoleo ma Stephen Gibson.

O le molimau mo Leoleo e auina mai Niu Sila, ma o le a tuuina atu lana molimau mo le mataupu ua faamoemoe e fofogaina i le Aso 29 Ianuari, 2007.

O lenei faamasinoga o loo susesueina ai Stephen Gibson i ona moliaga o le gaofi i le taimi a o avea ai o ia ma Pule o le Samoa Sportslotto.

Witness from New Zealand for Court Case between Police and Stephen Gibson.

A witness from New Zealand is in the country to give evidence in the Court Case between Police and Stephen Gibson.

Proceedings on this matter is scheduled to begin on the 29th January 2007.

The court case focuses on charges of theft against Stephen Gibson when he was General Manager for Samoa Sportlotto.

3. A'oa'oga mo le Faaaogaina o Taifau Faapitoa i le Sailia o Fualaa Faasaina, Canberra, Ausetalia.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o ni Sui o Samoa i le A'oa'oga mo le Faaaogaina o Taifau Faapitoa i le Sailia o Fualaa Fasaina, e faia i Canberra Ausetalia, mai le Aso 29 Ianuari i le Aso 6 Aperila, 2007.

O lenei aoaoga o le a aoaoina ai Sui Auai i le faaaogaina o taifau mo galuega a le Ofisa o Tiute, i lalo o se faiga faapaga ma le Malo o Ausetalia. E aoga tele lenei aoaoga mo le puipuiga o le atunuu mai le fe'avea'i faasolitulafono o fualaa ma vailaa faasaina.

O le Susuga a Ietitaia Iosia ma le Susuga Bach Lene o le Ofisa o Tiute, o le a fai ma Sui o Samoa i lenei Aoaoga.

Narcotic Detector Dog (NDD) Training Course in Canberra, Australia.

Cabinet has approved of the two Samoan representatives to attend the Narcotic Detector Dog Training Course to be held in Canberra, Australia from the 29th January – 6th April, 2007.

The training will be carried out under an assistance program by the Australian government. Samoa's participation is a huge plus for the Ministry of Revenue and Customs in its efforts to protect Samoa from narcotics trafficking.

Ietitaia Iosia and Bach Lene of the Customs Division will represent Samoa at this training.

4. Feutagaiga mo le Aumaia o Atigi Fagu mai Amerika Samoa a le Kamupani o le Vailima.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Susuga Asuao Kirifi Pouono e fai ma Sui o le Matagaluega o Fa'atoaga ma Faigafaiva i Feutaga'iga mo le Aumaia o Atigi Fagu mai Amerika Samoa, i Amerika Samoa mai le aso 29 Ianuari- 01 Fepuari, 2007.

O nei feutaigaiga o le a toe iloilo ai aiaiga e aumai ai atigi fagu o loo faaaogaina e le Kamupani a le Vailima, ina ia mautinoa le tulaga saogalemu o oloa a e lei tuua Amerika Samoa. E le gata i lea, a e ia fausia ai nisi tulaga talafeagai mo le fa'aasaina o lenei oloa.

Negotiations Meeting with Vailima Agent over importation of Vailima Bottles from American Samoa.

Cabinet has approved the travel of the Quarantine Assistant Executive Officer, Asuao Kirifi Pouono to hold negotiations with a Vailima Breweries Agent to be held in American Samoa from the 29 January- 01 February, 2007.

The negotiations will review the current Conditions Allowing the Safe Importation of Empty Vailima Bottles from American Samoa and looking at options to carry out safer fumigation operations for this particular product.

5. Faimalaga Afioga Faumuina Tiatia Liuga i Fiti.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Afioga i le Minisita o Siosiomaga ma Punaoa Faalenatura, Afioga Faumuina Tiatia Liuga, e fai ma Sui o Samoa i le

Fono a le Komiti Faapitoa o le Forum, e usua i Fiti mai le aso 29 Ianuari- 01 Fepuari, 2007.

O nisi o mataupu o le a faatalanoaina e aofia ai aafiaga ua i ai le atunuu o Fiti, o lona tulaga saogalemu, atoa ai ma ni auala e ono fesoasoani ai le Forum i le fofoina o lenei faafitauli e tusa ai ma aiaiga faataatitia a le Forum i lalo o le Biketawa Declaration.

O le a feiloai foi le Komiti ma Sui o le Malo le Tumau a Fiti, Peresetene o Fiti, Taitaifono o le Fono Aoao o Taitai o Fiti, Sui o le Malo o Fiti ua aveesea, Sui o malo mai fafo i Fiti, ma sui o faalapotopotoga e aofia ai ekalesia ma faalapotopotoga tumaoti.

Afioga Faumuina Liuga travels to Fiji.

Cabinet has approved of the Honourable Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Afioga Faumuina Tiatia Liuga, to attend the Eminent Persons Group Meeting in Fiji, from 29 January – 01 February, 2007.

This special committee was selected following the Forum Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting in Australia last December. The meeting will address issues concerning Fiji's current political situation and looking at ways the Forum will help to bring stability back to Fiji according to provisions under the Biketawa Declaration.

The Eminent Persons Group will also meet with officials of the Interim Government, Fiji's President, Chairman of the Fiji Great Council of Chiefs, representatives of the overthrown government, non-government organizations and church officials.

6. Aiaiga mo le taofia o Ie Samoa mai le aveina atu i atunuu i Fafo.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta Aiaiga mo le Taofia o 'Ie Samoa mai le Aveina Atu i Atunuu i Fafo.

O ia aiaiga ua tuuina mai ona ua maitauina e le Komiti o le Ie Samoa, le faatauina e tagata mai fafo ma le aveina atu i fafo o 'ie Samoa mo faalavelave fai a aiga, nuu ma ekalesia.

O Aiaiga nei :

- Mo Maliu : **10** 'ie Samoa pe a toatasi le sui o le aiga e malaga i le faalavelave.
20 'ie Samoa pe afai o se malaga toatele.

- Mo malaga a se Nu'u : **40** 'ie Samoa.
- E mo'omia se pemitā e faataga ona ave ai 'ie Samoa i fafo.

Cabinet approves Conditions to Control the Release of Fine Mats Overseas.

Cabinet has approved the Conditions to Control the Release of Fine Mats Overseas set out by the Fine Mats Committee.

The Fine Mats Committee has noted that a lot of people have bought the fine mats and have taken them overseas for family, village and religious occasions.

The Conditions are as follows :

- Funerals : **10** fine mats per person.
20 fine mats per group.
- Village Trip : **40** fine mats
- A permit must be issued to release fine mats overseas.

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