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Press Releases

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1. Lipoti o Fono na auai ai le Minisita o Soifua Maloloina.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta Lipoti o Fono faalesoifua maloloina sa auai ai le Afioga i le Minisita o Soifua Maloloina, Afioga Gatoloaifaana Amataga Gidlow, ma le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina, Susuga Palanitina Toelupe, i le masina Mati ma le masina o Me, 2007.

▪ **Fono Lona Fitu a Minisita o Soifua Maloloina o atunuu o le Pasefika - Vanuatu, 12 – 15 Mati, 2007.**

O lea Fono sa soalaupule ai e Minisita o Soifua Maloloina le finagalo o le Faalapotopotoga o le Soifua Maloloina o le Lalolagi ma le Ofisa mo Atunuu o le Pasefika ina ia ioeina ni Taiala Tuufaatasi Faalesoifua Maloloina e aumai ai i lalo se faaputuga tupe o fesoasoani eseese a malo tetele e faasoaso mo atunuu o le Pasefika. E le i taliaina e Samoa lea tulaga ona e manaomia le malamalamaga manino i le aafiaga o ana fesoasoani tau le soifua maloloina aumai i fafo i lea faiga.

▪ **Fono a le Komiti o le Soifua Maloloina ma Minisita o Malo o le Taupulega- Sineva, 11 – 13 Me, 2007.**

Sa mataituina i lea Fono le mataupu faatatau i fesootaiga faaonaponei e mafai ai ona siitia le tuufaatasia, tuuina atu ma le pulea o auaunaga faalesoifua maloloina. O le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina, Susuga Palanitina Tupuimatagi Toelupe, sa avea ma Taitaifono o lea faamoemoe.

▪ **Fono Lona 60 a le Soifua Maloloina o le Lalolagi, Sineva – 14 – 21 Me, 2007.**

Sa mulimulitu'i e le usugafono a Samoa mataupu e aofia ai le : faatinoga o Tulafono Faalesoifua Maloloina Faavaomalo; faatinoga o fuafuaga faataatitia ma sauniuniga mo le pepesi o le faamai manu e pei ona aafia ai nisi o atunuu o le lalolagi faapea ai le aotauina lelei o tagata faigaluega. O lea foi Fono sa avea aloa'ia ai Samoa ma Sui o le Komiti Lautele a le Fono a le Faalapotopotoga o le Soifua Maloloina o le Lalolagi. O lea Komiti e soalaupuleina polokalame o le Fono.

- **Fono ma le Pulega o le National Kidney Foundation i Singapore – 22 Me, 2007**

O lea Fono sa talanoaina ai tulaga o tu'utu'uga o le Maliega a le Faalapotopotoga Faavae o le Fatugao i Sinagpore ma le Faalapotopotoga Faavae o le Fatugao i Samoa, lea e aofia ai masini ma mea faigaluega e faaaogaina e Samoa, faatasi ai ma tagata faigaluega e i ai le tomai faapitoa.

Report on the Meetings attended by Hon. Minister of Health.

Cabinet has approved the Report on Meetings attended by the Hon. Minister of Health, Afioga Gatoloaifaana Amataga Gidlow, and CEO, Ministry of Health, Susuga Palanitina Tupuimatagi Toelupe, between March and May, 2007.

- **7th Meeting for Pacific Health Ministers, Port Vila – 12 – 15 March, 2007**

At this Meeting, Pacific Health Ministers discussed the proposal by the World Health Organization and Secretariat of the Pacific Community for the formulation of a Health Strategy and the establishment of a Pacific Health Fund. Samoa did not approve of the proposal as there are concerns that must be adhered to before it endorses any regional efforts.

- **Commonwealth Health Ministers Meeting with Advisory Committee Geneva, 11 – 13 May, 2007**

One of the important issues discussed at this Meeting was the improvement of the delivery, organisation and management of health services through the use of e – health. E – health, which denotes the use of technology will help address disease specific health concerns such as the issue surrounding the transfer of information about HIV/AIDS. CEO, Ministry of Health, Palanitina Toelupe, chaired this Meeting.

- **Sixtieth World Health Assembly, Geneva, 14 – 21 May, 2007**

At this important Meeting, Samoa's representatives conveyed issues such as : building greater national awareness of International Health Regulations; developing appropriate Plans of Action for managing and responding to infectious diseases as well as ensuring skilled human resources for Health. Samoa was also officially selected to be part of the Sixtieth World Health Assembly General Committee.

- **Meeting with Singapore National Kidney Foundation, Singapore- 22 May, 2007**

This Meeting discussed areas concerning the partnership agreement between Singapore National Kidney Foundation and Samoa National Kidney Foundation, which includes equipment and human resources for Samoa NKF.

2. Lipoti o le Fono a le Faalapotopotoga o Fefaatauaiga ma Alamanuia.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le usugafono a Samoa i le Fono a le Faalapotopotoga o Fefaatauaiga ma Alamanuia sa usua i Lonetona i le aso 18 o Me, 2007 ma le Fono a le Soa Komiti mo Faiga Faatutusa o Atunuu Uma, sa faia i le aso 30 – 31 o Me, 2007.

O mataupu taua sa lauliliuina i ia Fono e aofia ai : Tulafono Taufaaofi mo le taofia o le faaoga sese e atunuu o lafitaga mai lafoga; fuafuaga e tuufaatasia e le Cayman Islands ni faamatalaga tau i feagaiga faaletulafono faapea feagaiga mo le fetufaa'iga o faamatalaga tau lafoga faapea ai ma laasaga fou mo le tausaga 2007. O le auai atu o Samoa i ia fono o ni avanoa taua e mafai ai ona fausia ni auala mo le siitia o auunaga tau teugatupe tuusaunoina aemaise ai o luitau o lo o feagai ma Samoa i mataupu o lo o aafia ai pisinisi.

O le Taitaifono o le Pulega o Teugatupe Faavaomalo, Afioga Leasi P. Tommy Scanlan, sa taitaia le aumalaga a Samoa i ia faamoemoe ma o ia foi sa avea ma taitaifono o Fono uma e lua. O isi Sui o Samoa sa auai e aofia ai le Pule Sili o le Pulega o Teugatupe Faavaomalo, Afioga Alosamoa Erna Vaai, ma le Loia Sili, Susuga Ming Leung Wai.

Report on ITIO and Sub Group on the Level Playing Field Meetings.

Cabinet has endorsed the Report on International Trade and Investment Organisation and Sub Group on the Level Playing Field Meetings, that took place in London from the 28 – 31 May, 2007.

Important matters discussed at these Meetings include the : Proposed United States Stop Tax Havens Abuse Bill and its impact on ITIO Members; discussion of the Cayman Islands' Paper on Leveling the Playing Field as well as the proposal for Cayman Islands to compile a survey of double taxation agreements and tax information exchange agreements entered into by the ITIO. The proceedings have placed important challenges for Samoa's way forward in terms of offshore opportunities and cross border financial businesses. Additionally, the Meetings have also raised Samoa's profile with its leadership role as the Chair of both Meetings.

Chairman of Samoa's International Finance Authority, Afioga Leasi. P Tommy Scanlan, led Samoa's delegation and he was also the Chairman for both fora. The other two representatives included the CEO, Samoa International Finance Authority, Afioga Alosamoa Erna Vaai, and the Attorney General, Susuga Ming Leung Wai.

3. \$10,000 mo le Aoga Robert Louis Setevenson

Na faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le fesoasoani tupe \$10,000 mo le faamanatuina o le 20 tausaga talu ona faavaeina le Aoga Robert Louis Stevenson i le tausaga 1987.

O le aoga Robert Louis Stevenson o se tasi o aoga o lo o faamauina ai le tulaga lelei ma le maoae o le taumafai o alo ma fanau a le atunuu sa aoaoina ma o lo o aoaoina ai.

O le Aso Lulu 27 o Iuni 2007, sa faatautaia ai le polokalame aloaia mo le faamanatuina o lenei faamoemoe.

\$10,000 for Robert Louis Stevenson School

Cabinet had approved financial assistance of \$10,000 for Robert Louis Stevenson School in the commemoration of its twentieth anniversary.

Robert Louis Stevenson School is noted for the outstanding academic results its students have achieved in the past as well as the present.

A special programme to celebrate the school's twentieth anniversary took place on Wednesday 27th June, 2007.

4 Faamatuu vaegatupe mo le faaleleia o auala galue.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le faamatuuina atu o le vaega tupe fuafuaina mo auala galue mo le ono masina mulimuli o le tausaga faaletupe 2006-2007.

O le faaleleia o auala galue o se tasi lea o polokalame faataoto a le Malo mo le galueaina o le atiina a'e tau faato'aga i nuu ma afioaga i tua.

E tusa ai ma le Lipoti a le Vaega o Lotoifale a le Matagaluega o Tina ma le Atiina A'e o le Soifua Lelei o Tagata Lautele, o lo o faatumauina pea le lelei o le teuteuina ma le faamamaina o auala galue i nuu ma afioaga i tua.

Funding for access roads

Cabinet has approved funding allocated for maintenance of access roads for the last half of the financial year 2006/2007.

Refurbishing and maintaining of access roads is an ongoing project which has been put in place for agricultural development.

According to the Report by the Access Roads Inspection Committee, access roads have been well maintained by village communities.

5. Fuafuaga mo le fale eletise fou mo le Faalapotopotoga o Malosi Faaeletise

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le faatinoga o feutagaiga o maliega faakonekarate e faatatau i le fausia o le fale eletise fou mo le Faalapotopotoga o Malosiaga Faaeletise.

O lea fuafuaga o le a faatino e le kamupani a le Man Diesel mai Ausetalia ma le Faalapotopotoga o Malosiaga Faaeletise.

O le faataunuuna o lea faamoemoe o le a siitia ai le malosi faaeletise o lo o manaomia e Upolu ma Savaii i le 10 tausaga o lumanai, faaitiitia ai le pa'ō o afi i afioga o lo o tau lalata ane ma le faaleleia atili pea o le maua o le eletise.

Plans in the pipeline for new EPC power station

Cabinet has approved putting in place negotiations with regards to the construction of a new power station for the Electric Power Corporation.

The plans will be instigated by Man Diesel Company from Australia and the Electric Power Corporation.

The construction of this new power station is the recognition of the need to develop high power generation solutions for Samoa which means improved power supply for both Upolu and Savaii and minimal environmental impacts.

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