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Press Releases

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1. Faiga Faapitoa Tau Ponesi mo alii ma tamaitai taaalo.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le faatinoina o Faiga Faapitoa Tau Ponesi mo alii ma tamaitai taaalo e tausinio ma manumalo i fa'aagatama faavaomalo.

Ua tuuina atu nei i le Faalapotopotoga o Petipetiga a Samoa e tapenaina ni ta'iala e faavae ai le faatinoina o Faiga Faapitoa Tau Ponesi.

O le a avea lenei faiga fou o se auala e matua una'ia ai alii ma tamaitai taaalo e siitia le tulaga o lo latou taumafai, ma manumalo i ni pine auro i faaagatama faavaomalo. E le gata i lea, a e o se isi lea avanoa e faalauiloa ai Samoa i le lalolagi.

Bonus Scheme for Sports

Cabinet has approved the establishment of a Bonus Scheme for Samoa's sports players who win medals at international level.

The Totalisator Agency Board has been delegated the responsibility of drafting policies for the Bonus Scheme.

The new Scheme will be used as a tool to encourage the players competing at international level to win gold medals. It will also be another better way to promote and boost the image of Samoa overseas.

2. Lipoti o le Fono Faaletausaga Lona 25 a Loia o le Pasefika.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Fono Faaletausaga Lona 25 a Loia o le Pasefika sa usuia i Kiripati mai aso le 9 – 12 o Fepuari, 2007.

O nisi o mataupu taua sa talanoaina e aofia ai le : faatuina o se Ofisa Autu o lenei Fono pe a maea ona faamautu ona tiute, aufaigaluega ma lona faatupeina; faatuina o se Ofisa Autu le mautu i le isi ono masina o lumanai e galulue ma se Soa Komiti o le Fono e faamautu mataupu uma faatatau i le faatuina o le Ofisa Autu; faatuina

o le Ofisa Autu le mautu i Canberra, Ausetalia, atoa ai ma le suia o le igoa o le Fono mai le 'Pacific Islands Law Officers' Meeting' i le 'Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network.

O le Susuga Sarona Rimoni o le Ofisa o le Loia Sili, sa fai ma Sui o Samoa i lenei Fono.

Report on the Pacific Law Officers' Network 25th Annual General Meeting.

Cabinet has approved the Report on the Pacific Law Officers' Network's 25th Annual General Meeting, that was held in Kiribati from the 9th – 12th February, 2007.

Matters of importance discussed include: setting up of the Pacific Law Officers' Network's Secretariat; setting up of the Network's Interim Secretariat; acceptance by Australia's Office of the Attorney General to set up the Interim Secretariat at its headquarters in Canberra and officially changing the name of the 'Pacific Islands Law Officers' Meeting' to 'Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network'.

3. Auai atu le Tausala o Samoa i le Fono a Tina ma Tamaitai o le Pasefika ma Asia.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Tausala o Samoa, Susuga Poinsettia Taefu, i le Fono a Tina ma Tamaitai o le Pasefika ma Asia Saute Sasae, o le a faagasolo i Aukilani mai le aso 21 – 27 o Mati, 2007.

O lenei Fono o se avanoa taua e mataituina ai mataupu faatatau i le atiina 'ae o tamaitai talavou ma o se auala lelei e faalauiloa ai le taua o le atina'e o tagata tafafao maimoa mai fafo i le Pasefika.

Miss Samoa attends Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association Meeting in Auckland.

Cabinet has approved of the travel of reigning Miss Samoa, Poinsettia Taefu, to attend the Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association Conference that will take place in Auckland, New Zealand from the 21 – 27 March, 2007.

The conference will be an important opportunity to enhance the development of young women in the Pacific and to promote tourism in the region.

4. Tuua e le Sa o le Nafanua le atunuu mo le Atu Kuki.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le faimalaga atu o le Sa o le Nafanua e galulue faatasi ma le Vaa o le Malo o le Atu Kuki, le Te Kukupa, i le Operation Tui Moana mai le aso 19 – 31 Mati, 2007.

O le Operation Tui Moana o le galuega tu'ufa'atasi o lo o faatinoina i lalo o le maliega i le va o Malo e lua na sainia i le tausaga 2005 ma o lo o faatupeina e le Vaega o le PuiPuiga a le Malo o Ausetalia. O lenei galuega e mata'ituina ai le leoleoina o gataifale o Malo e lua mai i gaoioiga faasolitulafono o lo o faatinoina i totonu o ogasami o le Pasefika.

O le taimi lona lua lenei ua faatino ai lenei galuega taua.

MV Nafanua to participate in Operation Tui Moana.

Cabinet has approved the participation of the Police Patrol Boat, MV Nafanua, in Operation Tui Moana that will take place in the Cook Islands during the period 19 – 31 March, 2007.

Operation Tui Moana is a joint operation by the Government of Samoa and the Cook Islands, funded by the Government of Australia. This regional activity will focus at how best the two nations can increase surveillance presence in their Exclusive Economic Zones.

This joint operation has been put in place by for the second time.

5. 20,000 oka Tusifolau Fou mai le Kamupani a le De La Rue i Egelani.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le faaogaina o tupe le faatagaina mo le totogiina o le oka tusifolau e luasefulu afe mai le Kamupani a le De La Rue Identity Systems i Egelani.

O nei tusifolau ua i ai tulaga aloa'ia faavaomalo e pei ona i ai tusifolau o i si atunuu e pei o Niu Sila ma Ausetalia. O lenei oka o tusifolau ua faatinoina ona o le maualuga o le tulaga manaomia o lo o i ai nei tusifolau e pei foi ona i ai le faamalosia o le faia o tusifolau mo fanau e malaga e fafo.

20,000 passports from De La Rue Identity Systems in England.

Cabinet has approved the use of unauthorized funds to pay for the order of 20,000 passports from De La Rue Identity Systems Company in England.

The new passports are similar to the passports used by Australia and New Zealand and have met all International Civil Aviation Organisation standards. The order will cater for the increasing demand for new passports.

6. \$10,000 tala mo le Asosi Lakapi Pa'i a Samoa.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le fesoasoani tupe \$10,000 tala mo le Asosi Lakapi Pa'i a Samoa, e auai atu ai le 'Au Lakapi Pa'i a Tamaitai i le Taamilosaga Faavaomalo a le Oceania e faia i le masina o Aperila, 2007.

O le taimi muamua lenei o le a auai atu ai le 'Au a Tamaitai i se taamilosaga i fafo. E to'asefulu ma le fa le aofa'i o le 'au taaalo faatasi ai ma faiaoga e to'alua.

E aoga tele lenei Taamilosaga i tapenaga a le Asosi Lakapi Pa'i mo Taaloga a le Pasefika i le masina o Aokuso i le tausaga nei.

\$10,000 for Samoa Touch Rugby Association.

Cabinet has approved financial assistance of \$10,000 for the Samoa Touch Association, to assist the National Women's Touch Team that will compete International Touch Tournament that will be held in Auckland, New Zealand in April, 2007.

The National Women's Touch team consists of 14 players and two officials and this will be the first time the Team will participate in an international touch tournament.

Samoa's participation will be useful for the Samoa Touch Association's preparations leading up to the South Pacific Games in August this year.