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Press Releases

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1. Faamanatuina Aso Faapitoa o Tina ma Tamaitai.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Polokalame mo le faamanatuina o le Aso Faapitoa o Tina ma Tamaitai o Samoa, e amata i le aso 9 – 14 Me, 2007.

E amatalia le Polokalame i le tatalaina aloa'ia o Maketi o Oloa mo Tina i Savaii e faia i le Maota o Tina ma Tamaitai i Salelologa, i le Aso Lulu 09 Me 2007. O le Afioga i le Minisita o le Matagaluega o Tina ma le Atiina A'e o le Soifua Lelei o Tagata Lautele, Afioga Fiamē Naomi Mataafa, o le a saunoa faapitoa i lenei faamoemoe.

O le manulauti o le Polokalame mo lenei tausaga o le “Galulue Fa’apa’aga mo Atiina A’e Manuia.

National Women’s Day celebrates.

Cabinet has endorsed the Programme for National Women’s Day celebrations, commencing 09 – 14 May, 2007.

The Programme begins with the official opening of the Mothers Day Fair that will take place at the Women’s Hall, Salelologa, on Wednesday 09 May, 2007. Hon. Minister of Women, Community and Social Development, Afioga Fiamē Naomi Mata’afa, will deliver the keynote address.

The theme for this year is “Partnership for Development”.

2. Tofia Komesina fou mo le Auaunaga o Tineimu.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le filifliga o le Afioga Seve Tony Hill i le tofiga o le Komesina o Auaunaga o Tineimu.

Sa faasalalauina lenei avanoa e pei o tulaga masani. E to’avalu(08) i latou sa tuuina atu tusi talosaga a e peitai na o le to’alima (05) sa faatalanoaina. I le maea

ai o suesuega ma sailiiliga a le Komiti o Fatalanoaga, ua finagalo autasi ai i latou e filifilia le Afioga Seve Tony Hill.

O le Afioga Seve sa aoaoina i le aoga o Penrose High School ma faaauau atu ai i a'oa'oga faaaperenitisi i totonu lava o Niu Sila. E sefulu tausaga sa avea ai o ia o se tagata e ofo fua atu le auunaga i vaega tau tineimu ma e iva tausaga sa avea ai foi ma kapeteni o le Volunteer Fire Brigade. Sa avea o ia ma Taitai Ofisa Asiasi Sinia o le Auunaga mo Tineimu a Samoa mai le tausaga e 2004 – 2005, o le taimi foi lea sa avea ai ma Sui Peresetene o le Asosi a le Auunaga mo Tineimu i totonu o le Pasefika. E lua tausaga sa avea ai o ia ma Alii Ofisa Tineimu Sinia a o le'i avea ma Komesina Lagolago mo Auunaga o Tineimu mai ia Tesema, 2006 – Aperila, 2007. O le Afioga Seve o se tamalii faipisinisi ua 51 ona tausaga ma o lo o alala nei i Vaisigano ma lona faletua ma le la fanau e to'aono.

New Commissioner for Samoa Fire Services

Cabinet has approved the appointment of Afioga Seve Tony Hill, to the position of Commissioner for Samoa Fire Services.

The position was advertised. Eight (08) individuals applied, only five (05) were short-listed for interview. Following the Interview Panel's comprehensive investigations and review, the Panel unanimously selected Seve Tony Hill.

Hill, 51, was educated at Penrose High School in New Zealand in 1970. He became a qualified fitter and turner in 1971 after he successfully completed Apprenticeship Training in New Zealand. He has been a volunteer fire fighter for 10 years and Captain of the Volunteer Fire Brigade for eight years. He became Chief Inspector for Samoa Fire Service in 2004 – 2005 at the same time, he was Vice President for the Pacific Islands Fire Fighters Association. Seve has also been a United Nations Disaster Co-ordinator for four years. In 2005 - 2006 he was the Chief Fire Officer for Samoa Fire Services. He has also been Acting Commissioner for Samoa Fire Services from December 2006 until April 2007. The owner of RT Hill Motors and Vaitele Spring Waters resides at Vaisigano with his wife and their six children.

3. Malaga le Minisita o Soifua Maloloina i Sineva.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Afioga i le Minisita o Soifua Maloloina, Afioga Gatoloa'ifa'ana Amataga Gidlow, i le Fono Lona Onosefulu a le Faalapotopotoga o le Soifua Maloloina o le Lalolagi, e usua i Sineva i Suitiselani, mai le aso 12 – 23 Me, 2007.

O lenei Fono e usua i tausaga taitasi ma e soalaupuleina ai mataupu taua faalesoifua maloloina. E aoga tele lenei Fono i le faatonutonuina o taiala mo le siitia o le itu tau soifua maloloina i totonu o le atunuu.

O le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina, Susuga Palanitina Tupuimatagi Toelupe, o le a auai faatasi ma le Afioga i le Minisita i lenei faamoemoe.

Minister of Health travels to Geneva.

The Hon. Minister of Health, Afioga Gatoloa'ifa'ana Amataga Gidlow will attend the 60th World Health Assembly that will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 12 – 23 May, 2007, upon Cabinet approval.

The annual World Health Assembly will address important health issues such as international health security. The Meeting will be vital for Samoa in terms of assistance in regulating health policies for the improvement of Samoa's health system.

The CEO, Ministry of Health, Susuga Palanitina Tupuimatagi Toelupe, will accompany the Hon. Minister at this important Meeting.

4. Feutagaiga ma le Faletupe o le Lalolagi.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o Sui o Samoa i feutagaiga ma Sui o le Faletupe o le Lalolagi mo le faatinoga o se nonogatupe faaopoopo, e faia i Sini, Ausetalia, mai le aso 15 – 16 Me, 2007.

O lenei nonogatupe faaopoopo mai le Faletupe o le Lalolagi ua faamoemoe mo le faataunuaina o le Polokalame a le Malo mo le fausia, faaleleia ma le tausia o aseta tetele aua le unaia o le tamaoiga o le atunuu. O lea Polokalame e aofia ai le toe faaleleia o le Malaevaalele i Faleolo, auala laupapa ma ala tetele, fuafuaga mo le faatuina o le Pulega e nafa ma le faagaioioiina o galuega tau feamalaga'iga i luga o le eleele atoa ai ma le unaia o tulaga faaletulafono ma taiala o vaega taua e aafia ai le siosiomaga.

O le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Tupe, Susuga Hinauri Petana, o le a ta'ita'ia lenei 'Au Malaga e aofia ai le Loia Sili, Susuga Ming Leung Wai, Ofisa Sili o le Pulega o le Matagaluega o Galuega Tetele ma Felauaiga, Afioga Vaaelua Nofu Vaaelua, Faufautua i le Matagaluega o Galuega, Afioga Leiataua Isikuki Punivalu, faapea ai ma le Taitai o le Vaega o lo o nafa ma le Vaaia o Galuega, Susuga Meresaini Siaso Lauua.

Loan Negotiations with World Bank.

Cabinet has approved of representatives from Samoa to attend loan negotiations for a supplementary credit with representatives of the World Bank in Sydney, Australia, from the 15 – 16 May, 2007.

The proposed additional loan will finance the Second Infrastructure Asset Management Project which includes the following components: Airport Infrastructure, including the provision and installation of instrumenting landing system and maintenance of selected infrastructure; specific rehabilitation and construction to upgrade the road transport system and road network capacity in Apia and remote villages; establishing Land Control Authority that will be responsible for revising related regulations and developing alternatives for the land administration system and also environmental management.

Samoa's representatives include the CEO, Ministry of Finance, Susuga Hinauri Petana, Attorney General, Susuga Ming Leung Wai, the CEO, Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure, Afioga Vaaelua Nofu Vaaelua, Project Component Manager, Afioga Leiataua Isikuki Punivalu, and Team Leader of the Project Management Unit, Meresaini Siaoosi Laulua.

5. Fono a Faletupe o Atiina A'e i Asia ma le Pasefika.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le usugafono a le Faletupe o Atiina A'e i le Fono a le Faalapotopotoga o Faletupe o Atiina A'e i Asia ma le Pasefika, e usuia i Hanoi, Vietnam, mai le aso 9 – 12 o Me, 2007 ma le Fono ma Sui o le Faletupe o Atiina A'e o Saina e faataunuaina i Shanghai, Saina, mai le aso 14 – 16 Me, 2007.

Fono a Faletupe o Atiina Ae i Asia ma le Pasefika

- O le sini autu o lenei Fono "Ia siitia auunaga a Faletupe o Atiina A'e ina ia ausia tulaga moomia ma le lelei e aloaia e isi atunuu" ma o le a talanoaina ai mataupu faatatau i pulega o faletupe, taiala faavaomalo e ao ona mulimulitai i ai Faletupe o Atiina 'Ae atoa ai ma mataupu faatatau i taiala mo teugatupe i vaega taitasi.

Fono ma le Faletupe o Atiina A'e o Saina

- O le uluai Fono lenei i le va o le Faletupe o Atiina A'e a le Malo o Saina ma le Faletupe o Atiina A'e a Samoa o le a faataoto ai fuafuaga mo faiga faapaaga. E aoga tele lenei Fono mo le talanoaina o fesoasoani tau tupe mai le Faletupe a Saina, tuufaatasia o avanoa mo aoga faapitoa mo le afaigaluega faapea ai tulaga tau fesoataiga i mataupu tau atiina 'ae mo pa'aga a le Faletupe o Atiina Ae a le atunuu.

O le usugafono a Samoa e aofia ai le Sui o le Komiti Faatonu o le Faletupe o Atiina A'e, Susuga Seehoy Chan Mow, ma le Pule Sili o le Faletupe o Atiina A'e, Afioga Fuimaono F. Lima.

Asia and Pacific Development Banks meet in Vietnam.

Cabinet has approved the travel of Samoa's representatives to attend the Asia-Pacific Development Banks Meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam, from the 9 – 12 May,

2007 and a Meeting with representatives of China Development Bank in Shanghai, China from the 14 – 16 May, 2007.

Asia – Pacific Development Banks Meeting

- The theme for this year’s meeting is “Measuring up to International Standards and Best Practices”. It will discuss international accounting standards, risk management and Basel II Framework, investment principles and sustainable development and growth issues.

Meeting with China Development Bank

- This Meeting will reaffirm partnership plans between the China Development Bank and Samoa Development Bank. It will discuss alternatives for acquiring additional funds from the China Development Bank and also to create opportunities for local staff training and development.

Member of the Samoa Development Bank Board of Directors, Susuga Seehoy Chan Mow, and General Manager, Samoa Development Bank, Afioga Fuimaono F. Lima, will represent Samoa at these Meetings.

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