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**Press Releases**

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**1. \$89,000 tala mo Taaloga a Samoa 2007.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le fesoasoani tupe \$89,000 tala mo Taaloga a Samoa 2007.

O le a faataunuaina Taaloga Samoa 2007 mai le aso 30 Me – 02 Iuni. O le itula e fa i le afiafi o le Aso Lulu 30 o Me o le a tatala aloa'ia ai lenei faamoemoe i luma o le Maota o le Malo i le Eleele Fou ma e amatalia i se savali faaaloalo a le au taaalo o le a tauva. O le Afioga i le Palemia, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, o le a fofogaina le saunoaga autu o le faamoemoe.

E sefulu ma le ono taaloga ua filifilia e faatino ai Taaloga a Samoa mo leni tausaga. O se tasi leni faamoemoe o le a tapena ai alii ma tamaitai o le a tauva i Taaloga a le Pasefika i le masina o Aokuso i le tausaga nei.

**\$89,000 tala for Samoa Games 2007**

Cabinet has approved financial assistance of \$89,000 tala for Samoa Games 2007.

Samoa Games 2007 will take place from 30 May – 02 June. The athletes' parade for the Government Complex FMFM II Building is scheduled to take place at 4pm, to be followed by the official opening ceremony of the Games at 5pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Honourable Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, will deliver the keynote address.

Sixteen sports will be represented at the Samoa Games, a preparation event for Samoa's athletes who will compete in this year's South Pacific Games.

**2. Aso Faapitoa mo le Tete'e atu i le Ulaula Tapa'a ma ona A'afiaga**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le atofaina o le Aso Tofi 31 o Me, 2007, e avea ma Aso Faapitoa e tete'e atu ai i le taumafa tapa'a ma ona a'afiaga.

O le a faia se Sauniga Lotu faapitoa i le Maota o Alii ma Tamaitai Tausimai pasi o Samoa i Moto'otua, i le itula e 9 i le taeao o lea lava aso. O polokalame fuafuaina mo leni faamoemoe e aofia ai le faalauiloaina o feau mo tamaiti e ola

saoloto mai le tapaa, polokalame i luga o leitio, tv ma nusipepa atoa ai ma le tufatufaina o faailoga o manumalo o le Taamilosaga Lakapi a Aoga “Saoloto mai le Tapa’a” mo le tausaga nei.

O le sini autu o polokalame mo le faamanatuina o lenei aso faapitoa o le **“Ola i se siosiomaga mama ma saoloto mai le tapa’a.”**

### **No Tobacco Day for Samoa.**

Cabinet has approved the allocation of Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2007, as No – Tobacco Day for Samoa.

A special ceremony to commemorate No-Tobacco Day will take place at the Nurses Hall at Moto’otua at 9am. The scheduled programme for the commemoration of this important day includes : smoke-free programmes for kids, promotional activities on media and awarding of prizes to winners of this year’s Secondary Schools’ Smoke-free Rugby Tournament.

The theme for this year is **“100 Percent Smoke-free Inside”**

### **3. Lipoti o le Malaga Aloa’ia a le Malo mo le faalauiloaina o auunaga a le Pulega o Teugatupe Faavaomalo (SIFA)**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Malaga Aloa’ia a le Malo mo le faalauiloaina o auunaga faavaomalo a le Pulega o Teugatupe Faavaomalo a Samoa sa faatunuuina i Singapore, Hong Kong ma le Malo Tele o Saina mai le aso 18 o Mati – 5 Aperila, 2007.

O mataupu taua sa talanoaina i Fono a le ‘Au Malaga ma faauluuluga o faalapotopotoga ma kamupani i totonu o ia atunuu e aofia ai : le faaaogaina e le Pulega o Teugatupe Faavaomalo o tekonolosi faonapo nei mo le resitalaina o ituaiga pisinisi eseese mai fafo, puipuia o meatotino a le au faipisinisi atoa ai ma isi auala mo sailiga manuia eseese i itu tau teugatupe faavaomalo. O lo o ta’ua i lenei Lipoti le tulaga maoa’e sa mafai ona ausia e Samoa i le maea ai o nei feutanaiga aemaise ai o le faaauuina pea o le lagolago malosi a kamupani ma faalapotopotoga i totonu o Asia. O le tulaga faamanuiaina o le ‘Au Taito’afitu a le Manu Samoa o lo o i ai nei o se tasi lea o auala faigofie mo taumafaiga faalauiloa a le Pulega o Teugatupe Faavaomalo a Samoa.

O le Afioga i le Minisita o Tupe, Susuga Niko Lee Hang, sa ta’ita’ia lenei ‘Au Malaga Aloa’ia e aofia ai le Ta’ita’ifono o le Komiti Faatonu o le Pulega o Teugatupe Faavaomalo, Afioga Leasi P.Tommy Scanlan, Loia Soili, Susuga Ming Leung Wai, faapea ai ma le Pule Sili o le Pulega o Teugatupe Faavaomalo, Susuga Alosamoa Erna Vaai.

## **Report on Samoa International Finance Authority Official Trip to Asia.**

Cabinet has approved the Report on the official trip by Samoa International Finance Authority's representatives for the purpose of promoting its offshore services in Singapore, Hong Kong and China, from 18 March – 05 April, 2007.

Matters of importance that were discussed at the Meetings between Samoa's official delegation and heads of organizations and businesses include : the utilization of information technology for registration activities; safeguarding business properties for trust and alternatives for promoting offshore services. As stated in the Report, Samoa was highly successful in its campaign following the negotiations and the strong support rendered by the business communities in these countries. Additionally, Manu Samoa Sevens' remarkable achievement in this year's IRB Sevens Circuit is a major contributing factor to the success of Samoa International Finance Authority's promotional activities in Asia.

Hon. Minister of Finance, Susuga Niko Lee Hang, led the official delegation which includes the Chairman of SIFA Board, Afioga Leasi.P Tommy Scanlan, Attorney General, Susuga Ming Leung Wai, and SIFA's Chief Executive Officer, Susuga Alosamoa Erna Vaai.

## **4. Lipoti o Feutagaiga ma le Faletupe o le Lalolagi**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o Feutagaiga ma le Faletupe o le Lalolagi mo se nonogatupe faaopoopo, sa faataunuina i Sini, Ausetalia, mai le aso 15 – 16 o Me, 2007.

O lenei nonogatupe faaopoopo mai le Faletupe o le Lalolagi ua faamoemoe mo le faataunuina o polokalame a le Malo mo le fausia, faaleleia ma le tausia o aseta tetele aua le una'ia o le tamaoaiga o le atunuu. O lo o ta'ua i le Lipoti le tulaga faamalieina o itu uma e lua i le maea ai o feutagaiga ma o lo o faagasolo pea nisi o vaega o ia feutagaiga i le taimi nei.

O le uluai taimi lenei ua faatino ai e le Faletupe o le Lalolagi lenei ituaiga fesoasoani ma o Samoa le ulua'i atunuu o le Pasefika ua faia i ai lenei fuafuaga fou.

## **Loan Negotiations with World Bank**

Cabinet has endorsed the Report on Negotiations with World Bank for a supplementary credit, that took place in Sydney, Australia, from the 15 – 16 May, 2007.

The proposed additional loan will finance the Second Phase of the Infrastructure Asset Management Project. As stated in the Report, the negotiations reached financing agreements that have now been administered.

Samoa would be the first Pacific recipient of this grant fund which has been put in place by the World Bank for the first time.

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