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**Press Release**

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### **1. Auai le Afioga i le Faamasino Sili i le Fono a Faamasino o le Pasefika i Nukualofa.**

Na faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Afioga i le Faamasino Sili, Afioga Patu T. Falefatu Sapolu, i le Koneferenisi a Faamasino o le Pasefika, o loo usuia i Nukualofa, Tonga, i le vaiaso nei mai le aso 06 – 09 Novema, 2007.

O lea Koneferenisi o loo mataituina ai mataupu faatatau i le tutoatasi o le faamasinoga aemaise ai o auala e mafai ona faatino e saga faamausalī ai. O le a tuuina atu foi se saunoaga faapitoa a le Afioga i le Faamasino Sili faatatau i mataupu tau **Tulafono Faaleaganuu ma Tulafono Faalemālō** i totonu o Samoa.

#### **Chief Justice attends Pacific Judicial Meetings in Nukualofa.**

Cabinet had approved the travel of the Honourable Chief Justice, Afioga Patu T. Falefatu Sapolu, to attend the Pacific Judicial Conference that is taking place in Nukualofa, Tonga, from the 06 – 09 November, 2007.

Crucial issues that are addressed at this Conference include: the importance of judicial independence in the Pacific and what can judges do to strengthen judicial independence. Additionally, the Hon. Chief Justice will present a paper on the issue : **Coming to grips with Customary Law and Country Law.**

### **2. Fono Faatonu Lona 44 a le Faalapotopotoga a le Niu a Asia ma le Pasefika.**

Na faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auai atu o le Afioga i le Minisita o Faatoaga ma Faigafaiva, Afioga Taua Kitona Tavaga, i le Fono Faatonu Lona 44 a le Faalapotopotoga a le Niu a Asia ma le Pasefika, o loo usuia i Manila, Filipaina, i le vaiaso nei mai le aso 06 – 09 Novema, 2007.

O lenei Fono e faataunuu i tausaga taitasi ma o mataupu o le a soalaupuleina e aofia ai le: iloiloina o polokalame faatino a le Faalapotopotoga mo le atiina a'e o le niu i totonu o le atu Asia ma le Pasefika; le Tala Faatatau o le Tupe Faaletausaga atoa ai ma le faafoeina o le ofisa autu i Jakarta.

O lenei Fono o se avanoa taua mo Samoa e aoaoina ai nisi tomai faaopoopo mo le atiina a'e o le laau o le niu i totonu o le atunuu aemaise ai o auala e faaitiitia ai faafitauli o loo feagai ma lenei atiina a'e.

O loo auai faatasi le Afioga i le Minisita ma le Pule Lagolago o le Vaega o Auaunaga Lautele a le Matagaluega o Faatoaga ma Faigafaiva, Susuga Temukisa Rimoni, i lea Fono.

#### **44<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Coconut Community Session**

Cabinet had approved the participation of the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Afioga Taua Kitona Tavaga, in the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Asia Pacific Coconut Community, that is currently taking place in Manila, Philippines, from the 06 – 09 November, 2007.

This Meeting takes place annually and important matters that are discussed include : the review on the coconut development program/projects formulated and implemented by the Asia-Pacific Coconut Community; financial statements as well as management of the APCC head-quarters in Jakarta.

It is also a very vital opportunity for Samoa to obtain additional skills and knowledge for the development of its local coconut industry.

The Hon. Minister is accompanied by the Assistant CEO, Corporate Services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mrs Temukisa Rimoni.

### **3. \$10,000 Tala mo le Asosi Lakapi Liki a Samoa**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le fesoasoani tupe mo le Asosi Lakapi Liki a Samoa mo tapenaga a le 'au lakapi liki a Samoa, le Toa Samoa, mo lana Malaga Taamilo i Peretania, mai le aso 09 – 14 Novema, 2007.

O le 'au e manumalo mai lea Taamilosaga o le a agavaa mo le tauvaga o le Ipu o le Lalolagi i Sini, Ausetalia, i le tausaga fou, 2008.

O le 'Au Lakapi Liki a Samoa na manumalo i le pine apamemea i Taaloga o le Pasefika na sei mavae atu nei. E to'alima le 'au taaalo ma ofisa e to'alua o le a malaga mo lea faamoemoe.

#### **\$10,000 Tala for Samoa Rugby League Association**

Cabinet has approved \$10,000 Tala as financial assistance for the Samoa Rugby League Association to assist the Toa Samoa in its preparations for the upcoming World Cup Qualifying Tour, that is scheduled to take place in the United Kingdom, from the 09 – 14 November, 2007.

The winner of the European Group which includes Samoa will qualify for next year's Rugby League World Cup in Sydney.

Toa Samoa won the bronze medal for Samoa in the recent South Pacific Games. The traveling team consists of five (5) players and two (2) officials.

#### **4. Lipoti o le Faiga Palota Aoao 2006.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Faiga Palota Aoao 2006 ma le Lipoti Faaletausaga 2005 – 2006 a le Ofisa o le Komesina o Faiga Palota mo le tuuina atu i luma o le Laulau-a-fono a le Palemene.

O le ulua'i Lipoti lenei talu ona avea le Ofisa o le Komesina o Faigapalota o se Matagaluega i lalo o le vaaiga a le Komisi e Pulea Tagata Faigaluega a le Malo.

#### **General Elections Report 2006.**

Cabinet has approved the General Elections Report and the Office of the Electoral Commissioner's Annual Report 2005 – 2006, for Parliament's endorsement.

The Report is the first to be instigated since the Office of the Electoral Commissioner comes under the co-ordination of the Public Service Commission.

#### **5. \$10,000 Tala mo le Asosi Taekwondo a Samoa**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le tuuina atu o le fesoasoani tupe e \$10,000 Tala mo le Asosi Taekwondo a Samoa mo tapenaga a le 'Au Taekwondo a Samoa i le Tauvaga e sailia ai i latou e mafai ona tausinio ai i taaloga o le Olimipeka, e faataunuaina i Noumea, Niu Kaletonia, mai le aso 10 – 17 Novema, 2007.

O le taimi muamua lenei ua valaaulia ai Samoa e tauva mo sona avanoa i Taaloga o le Olimipeka ma o se avanoa taua tele i le atiina a'e o lea taaloga i totonu o le atunuu.

E to'afitu le 'au malaga a Samoa e aofia ai tamaitai ta'a'alo e to'alua (2), alii e to'alua (2), o le faiaoga o le 'au, ma le taitai malaga.

#### **\$10,000 Tala for Samoa Taekwondo Association**

Cabinet has approved financial assistance of \$10,000 Tala to assist the Samoa Taekwondo Federation's team that will compete in the 2008 Beijing Olympics Qualifying Tournament, that is scheduled to take place Noumea, New Caledonia, from the 10 – 17 November, 2007.

Samoa is being to invited to participate in this tournament for the first time and it is an important opportunity for the development of this sport in the country.

Samoa's team consists of four (04) players, two coaches (02) and the team manager.

**6. Lipoti o le Fono Lona 58 a le Itulagi i Sisifo o le Faalapotopotoga a le Soifua Maloloina o le Lalolagi i Asia ma le Pasefika i Sisifo.**

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le Fono Lona 58 a le Itulagi i Sisifo o le Faalapotopotoga a le Soifua Maloloina o le Lalolagi i Asia ma le Pasefika i Sisifo, sa usua i le Motu o Jeju i Korea, mai le aso 10 – 14 Setema, 2007.

O mataupu taua sa lauliliuina i lea Fono e aofia ai : pui puiga mai gasegase e le pipisi ma fuafuaga eseese o loo tuliloa ai taumafa tatau mo le soifua maloloina ma le faaitiitia o taumaga ga'oa, taofia o le ulaula tapa'a, faamalosi o polokalame faamalosi tino aemaise le soifua maloloina o le mafaufau. E le gata i lea sa faamamafaina foi le mataupu tau le soifua maloloina lautele ma le taua o le aotauina o pulega ma aufaigaluega i le okaina ma le faatauina o fualaau aemaise suesuega faatino i tulaga faalesoifua maloloina. Sa matua faaogaina e le usugafono a Samoa lea avanoa e faaleo ai manatu o Samoa i mataupu sa talanoaina aemaise o le mataituina o auala e faaleleia ai galuega tau i le soifua maloloina lautele i Samoa.

O le usugafono a Samoa sa aofia ai le Afioga i le Minisita o Soifua Maloloina, Afioga Gatoloa'ifa'ana Amataga Gidlow, Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina, Susuga Palanitina Toelupe, ma le Pule Lagolago o le Vaega o Fuafuaga, Faiga Faavae ma Suesuega o le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina, Susuga Frances Brebner.

**Report on the 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific.**

Cabinet has approved the Report on the 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, which took place in Jeju Islands, Korea, from the 10 – 14 September, 2007.

Important matters that were addressed at this Session include : protection from non-communicable diseases, calling for greater cooperation between governments to provide practical guidelines to combat obesity, smoking and to promote mental fitness. Additionally, there was also emphasis on Public Health Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights calling on drug companies and stakeholders, to provide a mechanism for the creation of new medicines and other products for diseases that greatly affect developing countries. Also stated in the Report, Samoa's representatives were very vocal in their campaign to find additional ways to improve the local health systems.

Samoa's delegation at this Meeting include the Hon. Minister of Health, Afioga Gatoloaifaana Amataga Gidlow, the CEO, Ministry of Health, Palanitina Toelupe, and Assistant CEO, Planning and Policy Division, Frances Brebner.

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