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1. Malaga le Ao Mamalu o le Malo i Niu Sila

Na faamaonia e le Kapeneta le faimalaga atu o Lana Afioga Mamalu, le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese, mo lana siaki faafomai i Niu Sila.

O loo malaga faatasi Lana Afioga Mamalu ma Lana Masiofo, Filifilia Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese, o le alii fomai, Afioga Lemalu Dr Limbo Fiu, ma le Failautusi Faapitoa a le Ao o le Malo, Afioga Fuimaono Titimaea Tafua.

His Highness, the Head of State travels to New Zealand

Cabinet had approved the travel of His Highness, the Head of State, Afioga Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese, for his medical check-up in New Zealand.

His Highness, the Head of State, is accompanied by Masiofo Filifilia Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese, Doctor Lemalu Limbo Fiu and the Head of State's Secretary, Afioga Fuimaono Titimaea Tafua.

2. Lipoti o le Fono Lona 62 a Malo Afaatasi i Niu Ioka

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Lipoti o le malaga a le Afioga i le Palemia, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, na auai ai i le Fono Lona 62 a Malo Afaatasi, na usua i Niu Ioka, Amerika, mai le aso 26 Setema – 01 Oketopa, 2007.

O loo ta'ua i le Lipoti, sa famamafaina i le Saunoaga a le Afioga i le Palemia, le tulaga faaletonu ma le matuia ua feagai nei ma le lalolagi ona o suiga o le tau ma ua alagata ai le faatino e Malo Afaatasi o faaiuga ma galuega i le agaga moni ina ia taofia ai aafiaga o suiga o le tau. E le gata i lea na ia saunoa foi i le t'ua o le tu malosi o taitai o Malo tetele o le lalolagi i le faatinoga o faaiuga ma galuega talafeagai ina ia avea ma faataitaiga lelei i atunuu laiti mo le faaitiitia o aafiaga o suiga o le tau ma faalavelave matuia e ono afua mai ai. E tusa ai foi ma le Lipoti, na saunoa faafetai foi le Afioga i le Palemia i Malo ma faalapotopotoga o loo faipa'aga ma Samoa ma faailoa ai foi le lagolago a Samoa i taumafaiga faavaomalo o loo galulue ai Malo Afaatasi.

Sa auai atu foi le Afioga i le Palemia i le Fono a Minsita o le Taupulega sa usuia foi i Niu Ioka. O lea Fono sa soalaupuleina ai tapenaga o le Fono a Taitai o Malo o le Taupulega lea o le a usuia i Uganda, i le masina o Novema o le tausaga nei.

Na malaga faatasi le Afioga i le Palemia, le faletua ia Gillian Malielegaoi, le Minisita Lagolago o le Vaifafo, Afioga Vaeolenofaafia Tapasu Leung Wai, ma le Pule Sili o le Matagaluega o Vaifafo ma Fefaatauaiga, Afioga Aiono Mose Pouvi Sua.

Report on the 62nd Session of the UN General Assembly

Cabinet has approved the Report by the Honourable Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, on the 62nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, that took place in New York, USA, from the 26 September – 01 October, 2007.

As stated in the Report, the Honourable Prime Minister, in his presentation to the General Assembly, strongly emphasized climate change concerns that must be solved, and which can only be unraveled through absolute commitment by the United Nations. The Hon Prime Minister also highlighted the importance of the efforts of the important pillars of the United Nations to accord priority and give full attention to finding solutions to issues of global concern. According to the Report, the Prime Minister also thanked leaders of nations and organizations represented for the continuing support rendered for Samoa and that Samoa will continue to be highly supportive of international efforts coordinated by the United Nations.

The Hon. Prime Minister also attended the Commonwealth Ministers of Foreign Affairs Meeting, which also took place in New York to coincide with the General Assembly. The Meeting discussed preparations for the upcoming Commonwealth Leaders Meeting in Uganda next month.

The Honourable Prime Minister was accompanied by His good lady, Gillian Malielegaoi, Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs, Afioga Vaeolenofaafia Tapasu Leung Wai, the CEO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Afioga Aiono Mose Sua.

3. Gasegase auina atu mo togafitiga i atunuu i fafo.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auina atu o gasegase e toafitu (07) mo togafitiga i atunuu i fafo : e lua (02) gasegase mo togafitiga i Amerika Samoa; tolu (03) mo Niu Sila; ma, le toalua (02) mo Ausetalia.

E eseese gasegase o loo mafatia ai i latou. O le gasegase e aupito i laitiiti e lima (05) masina le matua ma o ia lea o loo i ai se fula i lona ua ma o ia e toalua i ai gasegase e manaomia faata faapitoa. E toalua (02) gasegase ua aafia i le kanesa

ma le isi toalua o loo aafia i le gasegase o le fatu. E tasi (01) le tina, o ia foi o le gasegase pito i matua o loo manaomia togafitiga mo le aveeseina o maa i lona laualo.

O loo faatinoina lea auunaga a le Malo i lalo o lana Polokalame mo Gasegase e Auina atu i Atunuu i Fafu mo Togafitiga Faapitoa ma o loo talia pea i le taimi nei le auina mai o le masini faata malosi, ua faameaalofa mai e le Malo o Saina, o le a avea ma fesoasoani tele mo togafitiga o gasegase i totonu o le atunuu.

Patients approved for overseas treatment

Cabinet has approved the referral of seven (07) patients for intensive medical treatment overseas; two (02) patients to American Samoa; three (03) to New Zealand; and, two (02) to Australia.

The illnesses are wide-ranging. The youngest patient (5 months old) has a huge cystic mass on her neck. She is one of the two patients who require CT scans. Two (02) patients have various forms of cancer. Two (02) other patients require heart surgery. The eldest patient, a 60 year old mother, require laparoscopic surgery for gall bladder stones.

The Samoa Medical Treatment Scheme provides assistance to patients with life threatening or seriously debilitating conditions requiring intensive medical treatments overseas. A high-standard CAT scan donated by the Chinese Government will be operated soon following the completion of the facility currently under construction to house the new equipment. The new health equipment means Government will save hundreds of thousands of dollars sending patients overseas to undergo CT scans.

4. Polokalame mo le Laugatogi o le Tauvaga Faamatagofieina o Alalafaga o Samoa

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le Polokalame mo le laugatogi o le Tauvaga o le Faamatagofieina o Alalafaga o Samoa, e faataunuuna i le Faletalimalo o le Kitano i Sogi, i le Aso Faraile 12 Oketopa, 2007.

O le Afioga i le Palemia, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, o le a fofogaina le saunoaga autu o le faamoemoe.

E amata le Sauniga i le itula e sefulu i le taeao ma o le a faalauiloa ai foi i le laugatogi, tamaitai o le a tauva i le tauvaga o le Tausala o Samoa 2007.

O le tauvaga mo le faamatagofieina o alalafaga o Samoa o loo faatautaia e le Pulega o Tagata Tafafao Maimoa mai Fafu.

Programme for the National Beautification Campaign Prizegiving

Cabinet has approved the Programme for the National Beautification Campaign Prizegiving, that will take place at Hotel Kitano, Sogi, on Friday 12th October, 2007.

The Honourable Prime Minister, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, will deliver the keynote address.

The Prizegiving starts at 10am and part of the Programme will be official presentation of the nine ladies who will be contesting in the Tausala o Samoa, 2007.

The National Beautification Campaign has been instigated by the National Beautification Committee of the Samoa Tourism Authority.

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