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1. Tolopō le aso e see ese ai Samoa mai le vasega o Atunuu e Vaivai o latou Tamaoaiga

E tusa ai ma le faatulagaga a Malo Aafaatasi o tamaoaiga o atunuu o le lalolagi, o Samoa o le tasi lea o atunuu e lavea i le vasega o Atunuu e Vaivai o latou Tamaoaiga, po o Atunuu Matitiva.

Peitai la, i le gasolosolo pea o tausaga, na matauina ai ma le totoa le agaigai i luga o le atiina ae o le tamaoaiga o Samoa. O le mafuaaga lea na fainagalo ai loa Malo Aafaatasi i lana Fono i le tausaga e 2007, o le a se'e ese Samoa mai le tulaga o Atunuu Matitiva, ma e faamamaluina lenei siitaga i le aso 16 o Tesema 2010.

Ui i lea, o le faaletonu o le tamaoaiga o le lalolagi e pei ona i ai talu ai nei, faatasi ma le ogaoga o aafiaga tūgā o le sunami (29 Setema 2009), sa le'i tilofia ia itu i le taimi na fai ai le faaiuga a Malo Aafaatasi i le tausaga e 2007. O itu taua ia na alafia ai le talosaga a le Malo o Samoa i totonu o Malo Aafaatasi, mo le toe tagatagai i le faaumiumiina o le taimi e toe tapenapena ai le atunuu a o le'i aulia lona se'e ese mai le tulaga o Atunuu e Vaivai o latou Tamaoaiga.

I le fono a le Kapeneta i le asō, 8 Setema 2010, na faailoa ai e le Palemia, Susuga Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi le taliaina e Malo Aafaatasi o le finagalo o le Malo o Samoa mo le toe tuu atu i tua o le aso e siitia ai Samoa mai le tulaga o Atunuu e Vaivai o latou Tamaoaiga, mai le aso 31 o Tesema 2010 i le aso 1 Ianuari 2014.

United Nation extends LDC transitional period for Samoa beyond December 2010

Samoa is under the Least Developed Country category according to the UN economies classification.

However, the development of Samoa's economy has become evident throughout the years. Hence, the General Assembly decided in 2007 to graduate Samoa from the Least Developed Country category by 16 December 2010.

The world economic crisis and the tsunami of 29 September 2009 both occurred after the UN General Assembly's decision was made. The world economy downturn was a crisis beyond Samoa and the tsunami was never predicted. These were important factors included in Samoa's request for an extension of the transition period.

Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi has informed Cabinet in its meeting today, 8 September 2010, that the United Nations General Assembly has accepted Samoa's request for an extension of the transition period of three years before graduation from least developed country status until 1st January 2014.

2. Teuteuga o le Tulafono o Lafoga o Tupe Maua 2010.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta teuteuga o le Tulafono o Lafoga o Tupe Maua 2010.

O nei teuteuga e aofia ai: 1) le faaauauina o le alamanuia mo tupe faavae e saofagā ai i atiina a'e Turisi; 2) faamāmā avega mo Kamupani e ofoina fesoasoani tau tupe mo taaloga.

O le sini o ia teuteuga :

- 1) O le toe faaauauina lea o le alamanuia mo tagatanuu Samoa o loo saofagā a latou seleni i tupe faavae o atiina a'e tau turisi i totonu o le atunuu. O lenei ala manuia sa faamutaina i le aso 30 o Iuni 2008 ma ua toe teuteuina nei mo le toe faaauauina mo le isi 5 tausaga. O lea o le a suia ai le aso faamutaina mai i le aso 30 Iuni 2008 i le aso 30 Iuni 2013. Ua iai foi ma nisi teuteuga ua tuuina faatasi i ai ina ia faamalieina suiga mo lenei Tulafono.
- 2) O le teuteuga mo fesoasoani faamāmā avega i Kamupani e ofoina fesoasoani i taaloga e aofia ai le tuueseina o le 100% o fesoasoani tau tupe a se Kamupani mo taaloga mai le faatatauina o latou lafoga e totogi. O lenei teuteuga o le a fesoasoani tele i le faaosofia ma le unaia o kamupani e foai mo taaloga, ma fesoasoani ai i le unaia o atiina a'e taaloga i totonu o le atunuu.

O le a tuuina atu lenei teuteuga mo le faamaoniga a le Palemene i le isi ana fono o lumana'i.

Income Tax Amendment Bill 2010.

Cabinet has approved amendment to the main Income Tax Act 1974.

First amendment has been made for section 31 (Tourism Investment Tax Credit) of the Income Tax Act 1974, by extending the period for tourism investment tax credit from 30th June 2008 to 30 June 2013. Consequently, a person investing \$100,000 or more in

an Approved Tourism Development between 1st July 2008 and the date of commencement of this Act is allowed a credit against income tax at a rate of 100% of that investment.

The second amendment is the insertion of a new section that provides for the deduction of income tax liability for Companies. This deduction is a tax incentive for sponsorships to sporting bodies and sets out the eligibility requirements for companies to qualify for the deduction.

These amendments will be tendered for Parliament approval through the Income Tax Amendment Bill 2010.

3. Gasegase mo Togafitiga i Atunuu i Fafo.

Ua faamaonia e le Kapeneta le auina atu o gasegase e luasefulu ma le tasi (21) o le masina o Aukuso 2010 mo sailiiliga atili ma togafitiga i atunuu i fafo.

E sefulu ma le tolu alii ma tama'ita'i e to'avalu, mai i le lima masina e oo i le 78 tausaga o lo latou soifua. E eseese gasegase o loo aafia ai i latou: faama'i o le pa'u; mata; fatu; vae; maamaa i fatuga'o; tuasivi; kanesa; ma le suka.

O loo faaaauau pea lenei tautua a le Malo i le auina atu o gasegase mo togafitiga i atunuu i fafo ina ua le ma togafitia i Samoa nei. O le totogi o suesuega atili ma togafitiga e faatupe uma e le Malo o Samoa.

Patients referred overseas for treatments.

Cabinet has approved referring of twenty one patients for the month of August for further investigation and treatments.

There are thirteen males and eight female patients from 5 months old to 78 years old. Various diseases affecting these patients include: skin disease; eye disease; heart related disease; knee; renal stones; back bone disease; cancer and diabetes.

The Government of Samoa continues its policy of patients' referral overseas for treatments if they cannot be treated in Samoa. All costs for further diagnosis and treatments are paid for by the Government of Samoa.

4. Sauniga Faamanatu o e na maliliu i le Sunami o le aso 29 Setema 2009

Ua finagalo le Kapeneta ina ia faia se sauniga faapitoa e manatua ai i latou na maliliu i le tsunami o le aso 29 o Setema 2009.

O lenei sauniga faamanatu o le a faia i Tafaigata, i le nofoaga o le fanuamaliu o loo lagomau ai nisi o i latou na maliliu, ma ua atofaina le Aso Sa, aso 3 o Oketopa 2010. O le aso 29 o Setema 2010 lea e atoa i ai le tausaga o le sunami, ua faaavanoaina mo talagateu a aiga.

O le maa faamanatu o loo tusia ai suafa uma o i latou na maliliu, ma ua tuuina atu lea galuega i le Kamupani a le IPA Ltd. O le aufaipese a New Plymouth mai Niu Sila o le a latou usuina le tasi o pese o lenei sauniga.

O loo faaalua i lalo le faagasologa o le polokalame e faapea:

- 9.00 i le taeao - taunuu le Malo ma le valaaulia
 - Taunuu Afioga i le Ao Mamalu
 - Saunoaga Faafeiloa'i a le Taitaifono o le Komiti
 - Sauniga Lotu (Fono a Ekalesia Soofaatasi)
 - Saunoaga Autu (Afioga i le Palemia)
 - Tatala Nonoa o le Maa Faamanatu
 - Taua'aoina o Pale
 - Upu Faai'u (Malo)
 - Taumafataga māmā ma Faamavae

Frist Anniversary for tsunami victims of 29 September 2009

Cabinet has decided to host a special ceremony to mark the first anniversary in remembrance of victims of the 29 September 2009 tsunami.

The ceremony will be held at the Tafaigata Cemetery, where some of the victims are buried, on Sunday 3 October 2010. The actual anniversary date on the 29th of September has been scheduled for private families' unveiling ceremonies.

A monument in memory of all people that died in the tsunami is prepared by the IPA Ltd. A choir from New Plymouth, New Zealand will be singing one of the hymns at the ceremony.

The programme is as listed below:

- 9.00am – Arrival of Government dignitaries and guests
 - Arrival of His Highness
 - Welcoming address by the Chairman of the Organising Committee
 - Church Service (Samoa National Council of Churches)
 - Keynote Address (Honourable Prime Minister)
 - Unveiling of the Monument
 - Presenting of wreaths
 - Closing remarks by Government

- Light refreshment and Goodbyes

5. Valaaulia Afioga i le Ao Mamalu o le Malo e avea ma Fa'ao o le Iunivesite o le Pasefika i Saute.

Ua malaga atu nei le Ao Mamalu o le Malo o Samoa, Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi mo le talia o le valaaulia e avea ma Fa'ao o le Iunivesite o le Pasefika i Saute, ma faapea foi ona auai atu i le faau'uga a le Iunivesite e faia i Laucala Campus, Fiti i le aso 10 Setema 2010.

E tasi le tausaga o le a tauave ai e Lana Afioga Mamalu lenei tofiga.

His Highness appointed at Chancellor of the University of the South Pacific

His Highness, Head of State Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Efi has accepted an invitation to be the Chancellor of the University of the South Pacific, and is attending the University graduation at the Laucala Campus, Fiji on 10 September 2010.

This appointment is for one year.

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