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Remittances Up, tourism revenues climbing, & foreign reserves healthy

By: Nanai Taofiga Laveitiga Tuiletufuga

For the first 7 months of the current fiscal year, (July 2022-January 2023) tourism revenues coupled with remittances from overseas and shadowed by foreign Reserves are showing promising Post COVID19 recovery symptoms.

Remittances according to the Central Bank of Samoa's Macro-Economy Report issued 13th March 2023, for the 7 month period increased by 20.5% to \$511.33 million tala compared to \$424.41 million tala for the same period from the previous fiscal year.

And like previous period, direct remittances to families account for the bulk of the funds send from overseas by families and relatives.

For the period under review, direct remittances to families expanded by 15.1% to

\$447.46 million tala.

Funds remitted from overseas to Non-profit institutions Serving Households climbed 9.0% during the 7 month period under the microscope to \$16.86 million tala.

Tourism Revenues is showing promising post COVID19 recovery symptoms and accounted for \$194.17 million tala injected into the local economy from 59,380 arrivals who visited Samoa since July 2022 until the end of January 2023. Over 26,000 of the arrivals were visiting friends and relatives who off-loaded \$104 million tala in fresh revenues into the local economy.

By January this year, Foreign Reserves marched to \$894.55 million tala which according to the Central Bank of Samoa represented a 16.4% higher compared to the

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“Political stability matters...”

Prime Minister
Fiame Naomi Mataafa



By: Nanai Taofiga Laveitiga Tuiletufuga

Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mataafa has told a world conference on democracy that “political stability” is paramount to Samoa.

Speaking virtually to the Second Democracy Forum attended by 120 countries, the Samoa leader stressed the crucial importance of political stability to the economic welfare and solidarity of Samoa on the world stage.

“Political stability matters significantly for economic development,” stressed the Prime Minister and noted that this was the “imperative coupled with the intent to fully restore our democratic processes following our general elections in 2021 and the transition to our current administration which aided us greatly to meet the onslaught of the COVID 19 pandemic, the pervasive impacts of climate change and other ensuing global crises which have reached our geographical isolation.”

Chaired by South Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol, Fiame also called out the international community to provide a level economic focused playing field for Small Island States like Samoa.

Elaborated Prime Minister Fiame:

“Importantly for small island states like Samoa we would welcome the support of the international community for the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) tool, currently being finalized by the United Nations that provides the unbiased justification we need for International Financial Institutions to apportion concessional financing to help us prepare and recover from crises beyond our control.”

The second summit was co-hosted by the United States, Costa Rica, Zambia, the Netherlands and South Korea.

Published verbatim is Prime Minister Fiame’s speech delivered virtually Thursday morning:
STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA HON FIAME NAOMI

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CABINET APPOINTMENTS



(Left) CEO- Ministry of Customs & Revenue, Fonoti Talaitupu Li'a - Taefu and (Right) Secretary / C.E.O. to the Public Service Commission, Kolone Tikeri...See full story inside

Itu lelei o le toe fa'afouina o laisene pisinisi

Tusia: Tusiga Taofiga

“Ua taunu'u nei i se tulaga lelei le fa'afouina o laisene pisinisi, talu ona fa'amamalu le tatou Tulafono Fou o Laisene Pisinisi iā Tesema 2022,” o le saunoaga manino lea a le afioga i le Sui Palemia, o le Minisitā fo'i o le Matāgaluega o Tiute ma Tupe Maua (M.C.R.) iā Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio.

E tele ni atugāluga na folasia e nisi o le aufaipisini, ona o le tele o feuiā'iga ma pepa o fa'amaoniga sa mana'omia e le Matāgaluega o Tiute ma Tupe Maua a'o feagai ai ma le toe fa'afouina o laisene pisinisi.

Peita'i, e le'i fa'avaivai ai le Matāgaluega ae sa fa'atino pea la latou matāfaioi e tusa ma ta'iala ua mae'a fa'ata'oto auā le va'aiga mamao mo le lumana'i pisinisi ta'itasi i le atunu'u.

Ua pine fa'aaliali mai lea tōfā loloto i le Mālō, e pei ona fa'ailoa manino i le saunoaga a le afioga i le Sui Palemia i le vaiaso ua mavae.

“Ua toe fa'aleleia atili ai fa'amaumauga a le Matāgaluega i fa'amatalaga o pisinisi ta'ito'atasi, faaaauau itulau 4



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More than 4,000 people arrive every week at Faleolo

By: Leota Marc Membrere

The Faleolo International Airport has been buzzing since January this year with thousands of arrivals not to mention departures according to General Manager of the Samoa Airport Authority Silimanai Ueta Jr Solomon.

Responding to inquiries from the Savali News, Silimanai estimated an average 4,800 people arrive into Samoa through the Faleolo International Airport on a weekly basis.

And in just 3 months of this year the authority has seen the total number of passengers (departure/arrival) at more than 100,000 per month.

"From 1 January 2023 to 28 March 2023, total number of passengers (departure/arrival) – 111,679 average 37,000 per month in the first quarter of 2023," said the head of the Airport Authority.

There are 106 movements (to and from (return)) per week from 6 destinations served at Faleolo.

"Air New Zealand having the highest seat capacity and Fiji Airways is second with Qantas and Virgin Australia on third equal," added the GM.

And for aircraft removal said Silimanai, serving Faleolo are Air New Zealand from Auckland (35%), Virgin Australia and Qantas from Brisbane and Sydney (12.5%), Fiji Airways from Nadi (14.5%) and Honolulu (2%).

"Our local operators, Samoa Airways and Talofa Airways account for 52% of movement flying to and from American Samoa."

There is also a monthly round the world



Faleolo International Airport (Photo: Nanai Taofiga Laveitiga Tuiletufuga)

tour operator which overnights at Faleolo and several other aircraft that choose Faleolo as a refueling tech stop which are a mix of private and military aircraft.

The Airport Chief also revealed to the Savali News that code E type aircraft such as the Boeing 787 Dreamliner and Airbus 330

operated by Air New Zealand and Qantas are being serviced at a remote stand, meaning passengers are being boarded and deboarded using mobile airstairs as opposed to using the aerobridge as usual.

"The reason for this temporary procedure is due to pavement damage caused by an aircraft while it was attempting to position at the gate to enable aerobridge docking."

An engineering assessment of the damage

has been completed and remedial actions are being undertaken to repair the damage which we hope to complete by the second week of April.

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"Political stability matters..." Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mataafa

MATAAFA AT THE PLENARY OF THE SECOND DEMOCRACY FORUM (VIRTUAL)

Mr Chair President Yoon Suk Yeol
Excellencies
Ladies and Gentlemen

I thank you for the opportunity to provide a short statement at this Second Democracy Forum on how democracy delivers economic growth and shared prosperity in our country.

I will begin by underscoring the fact that economic development is one of the prerequisites for democracy and influences democracy in many ways. We know that it is economic growth that creates the conditions for democracy namely: urbanization, widespread of education and literacy, wealth, and heightened awareness of the importance of the protection of rights and issues of public affairs by simply increasing the level of income in a society.

We are also aware that democratic regimes revolve around institutions and policies which lay the foundations, through which principles of freedom and equality are designed and followed, which in turn have a positive impact on the economy.

From our view of the world around us we know that the more well to do a nation is, the greater the chance that it will sustain democracy.

Since we graduated out of least developed country status in 2014, after progressive increases in income per capita, performance continues to improve aside from the disruptions of the COVID 19 pandemic and the impacts of other global challenges.

And while the increase in Gross Domestic Product may be the primary method of measurement, there is much more, at play such as forming or greatly changing productive relationships, the influences of technological advancements, equity of opportunities, a people centered approach to development amongst other factors which bring about a transformation in the economic structure of a country.

Importantly for small island states like Samoa we would welcome the support of the international community for the Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) tool, currently being finalized by the United Nations that provides the unbiased justification we need for International Financial Institutions to apportion concessional financing to help us prepare and recover from crises beyond our control.

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VACANCY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Applications are invited for the post of Chief Executive Officer of the Samoa International Finance Authority (SIFA). The Authority, established in 2005, is responsible for the regulation and supervision of Samoa's international financial centre.

The Chief Executive Officer is the Administrative Head of the Authority and applicants must therefore have proven competence in the regulation and supervision of international entities of international finance centres. He/She must have relevant qualifications in law and/or commerce, and at least (8) years' experience at Senior Management level at a regulatory authority.

The appointment will be for a three (3) year term. The remuneration package will be in line with those approved by Cabinet for Chief Executive Officers of the public sector.

The full position description and other relevant information are included in the Application Package which can be uplifted from the Ministry of Public Enterprises Level 1, NPF Plaza, Beach Road, Apia or downloaded from their website <http://www.mpe.gov.ws>

Applications should be clearly marked "Application for Chief Executive Officer, Samoa International Finance Authority" and must be submitted to MPE and addressed to:

The Chairman,
SIFA Board of Directors
Samoa International Finance Authority
Apia, Samoa

Samoa MPE Address:
Level 1, NPF Plaza
Apia Tel 34500
Email cam.wendt@mpe.gov.ws
Beach Road, APIA

Applications must be received at the above address by **Friday 31st March 2023 at 4.00pm**. All applications received after the time and date stated in the advertisement will not be accepted and considered during the shortlisting period.

Applications can be submitted via email cam.wendt@mpe.gov.ws. A hard copy of an electronically submitted application received after the due date may be accepted given the electronic copy was received on time.



The Inter-Bench Judiciary Exchange officially started on Sunday at the Taumeasina Island Resort.
(Photo: Ministry of Justice & Courts Administration)

Inter-bench judiciary exchange commences

By: Leota Marc Membrere

The Inter-bench judiciary exchange has commenced in Samoa welcoming members of New Zealand's judiciary to share and exchange views with their Samoan counterparts.

The event officially commenced at the Taumeasina Island Resort on Sunday and the members of New Zealand's judiciary were welcomed by the Minister of Courts, Justice and Administration Matamua Seumanu Vasati Pulufana.

In her keynote address, Matamua she expressed how honored she and the administration were of the presence of members of the judiciary from New Zealand.

She expressed her pleasure for the opportunity to share and exchange views, form close ties, and contribute to the constant improvement of the judicial system.

And that the judiciary is the foundation stone for democratic freedoms

and rights, and it should be honored.

"I honor those who choose to pick up judicial appointments as they often do so with great sacrifices yet with the desire to serve," said Matamua.

The Minister also acknowledged those of Samoan descent who are part of New Zealand's judiciary saying she is proud of their achievements abroad before wishing them a successful visit and exchange with hopes it will be the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship.

The delegation from New Zealand are: Minister of Pacific Peoples Aupito William Sio, Chief District Court Judge Heemi Taumaunu and Ingrid Taumaunu, Principal Family Court Judge Jacqueline Moran and Phil Moran, Principal Youth Court Judge Ida Malosi and Tony Solomona, District Court Judge Mike Mika, Judge Lope Ginnen, Judge Robyn von Keisenberg and Eric Mahoney, Reney Smith, Jess Williams, and Ilaise Laukau.

4 long boats confirmed for 60th Independence Anniversary Regatta: Commissioner of Police

By: Jasmine Netzler - Iose

Lack of enthusiasm perhaps?

But, fautasi regattas were once the life of every Independence Celebration until several years ago when the prominence of the sport started to fade.

And the interest continues to diminish as reflected in the attempts by the sub-committee of the Fautasi regatta for Samoa's 60th Independence Anniversary Executive.

Since the announcement last year of the regatta a minimal number of crews have shown their interest to participate.

One however would have thought since this is the country's celebration earmarking its 60 years of Independence many fautasi crews would jump to the idea.

Instead, after months of awaiting confirmation and only three long boats confirming participation the Ministry of Police finally released a notice on their Facebook page calling for all interested captains to take the final call of opportunity to register if they wanted to compete.

The registration fee was \$1000, the notice went out on 17th March 2023 and the closing date on 24th March 2023 for all interested crews to ink their names in to guarantee their spots.

But, come Monday this week, after registrations closing last Friday, Commissioner of Police Auapau Logoitino Filipo confirmed only 1 new crew was added to the initial 3 parties that were keen on the regatta from the start.

The confirmed fautasi's that will be competing at the event scheduled for May



Police Commissioner and Chair of the 60th Independence Anniversary Fautasi Regatta Sub-Committee Auapau Logoitino Filipo confirm 4 long boats to participate (File Photo)

this year, although no finalization of the day has been confirmed are; Tolotolo o le Tamauli, Don Bosco, Marist Old Brothers and Little Rina from Toamua.

Auapau also confirmed that the Independence Executive Committee has also approved the distribution of \$10,000 for each

of the crews to aid in the improvement of the conditions of their boats before the race.

And the winner of the race is expected to receive prize money but the commissioner did not reveal how much that will be and whether the second or third place getters will be just as fortunate.



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Police Academy construction progressing well



Deputy Police Commissioner Lafaitel Herbert Aati (Savali File Photo)

By: Jasmine Netzler - Iose

Sporadic heavy rain coupled with the uninvited rough weather is not deterring the construction of the new Police Academy at Tafaigata from proceeding as planned.

Deputy Police Commissioner Lafaitel Herbert Aati confirmed in an email told the Savali Newspaper that foundation for most of the building is already completed with work on the beams currently underway.

Once completed the academy complex will include

- training and teaching classrooms
- academy office
- an operations training venue
- accommodations building,
- equipment room
- watching stands
- roofed sport field
- auxiliary facilities
- defensive driving training grounds.

The Academy promises an enhanced quality of professional officers once it comes into operation.

A reflection of the 50 years of close bilateral relationship between Samoa and the People's Republic of China the \$16.6million academy includes \$1.1million tala provided by Government.

It is being built on 16 acres of land at the old Prison grounds at Tafaigata.

Construction on the project started last October by Shaanxi Construction Engineering Group Corporation.

The academy is scheduled to be completed in May 2024.



Salega #2 District Development Office officially declared open

Salega # 2 opens its District Development Center

By: Leota Marc Membrere

The constituency of Salega #2 has joined the line of over 98 per cent of District Development Offices constructed across the country under Government's \$1million District Development Project.

The committee launched the official opening of the doors to their District Development Centre last Saturday at Fogasavaii.

Executive Officer of the District Development Center, Tapuai Laupua revealed their committee spent a little over \$200,000 on the construction and furniture and fixtures for the building.

The breakdown is as follows; \$160,595 went towards the construction of the building, while \$26,343 went towards the fencing works that surrounded the land the building is located on, and another \$21,395 went towards furniture and equipment, bringing the total cost to \$208,333.

Minister of Women, Community, and Social Development (M.W.C.S.D.) Leota Laki Lamositele Sio whose portfolio includes the ministry that oversees and rolls out the \$1million District Development project commended Olo Fiti Afoa Vaai, Member of Parliament for Salega # 2 and the Committee for their commitment to the project.

Leota pointed out the official opening of the building symbolized the

beginning of benefits that will soon follow.

The minister was making reference to the benefits that will soon roll in once the office receives funds from the \$1million District Development Grant.

And, with the Electoral Constituency moving forward with their initiatives under the project, he advised them to work together with the Chairman and the Committee in any project they plan to initiate.

"We have witnessed the magnificent work that has been opened this morning, and I give my thanks to the constituency," Leota said.

He also commended the Committee for their hard work and team work as they move forward with the progress of the project.

The new building consists of offices for the Executive Officer, and two other staff of the Center, and a meeting room for the district's committee, as well as a kitchen and restroom.

Salega #2 is made up of three villages: Sagone, Vaipu'a and Fogasavaii.

And, two minutes' drive away from Fogasavaii at Vaipu'a an exhibition was being prepared for showcasing the fruits of the farmers of the constituency's plantations and farms.

Members of Cabinet inspected the crops and livestock that were displayed at the event.

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same month last year.

"At this level, this was sufficient to cover 9.4 months of imports which was lower than 10.9 months at the end of January 2022," the report noted.

The External Debt account at the end of the first quarter December 2022 dropped to \$902.4 million tala compared to \$998.66 million tala in December 2021.

mai le itulau muamua

Itu lelei o le toe fa'afouina o laisene pisinisi

e uiga i a'i latou moni e ana pisinisi, ma i latou o lo'o i ai lafoga tu'ua, ma i latou tonu e tatau ona totogi a latou lafoga i le tatau Mālō.

"O nisi e ana pisinisi e i ai faleoloa, o lo'o talosaga mai fo'i mo laisene e fa'atau ai le 'ava malosi ma ua faigofie ai fo'i le galuega a le Pulega o le 'Ava Malosi iā latou iloiloga i talosaga, ona ua mautū fa'amaumauga o nei pisinisi i le tatau Matāgaluega o Lafoga i a'i latou tonu lava e ana pisinisi.

"O le agaga o le Mālō, ia fa'atupulā'ia pea le atina'e o pisinisi i Samoa auā manaoga fa'atauvā i le va o lea pisinisi ma lea pisinisi, e maua ai le pa'u i tau o oloa mo tatou tagata, ae ia tausisia ai pea le fa'amaoni i le resitalaina o i latou tonu e ana pisinisi nei.

E le'i nātia le fautuaga tu'usa'o a le afioga i le Sui Palemia, i le aufaipisinisi auā le aga'i atu i le lumana'i.

"Talosagaina le mamalu o le aufaipisinisi ma Samoa atoa, afa'i o i ai ni

au pa'aga e le'o ni tagatānu'u moni o Samoa aemaise pe a leai ni pemita e galulue ai i Samoa ma fa'atino pisinisi o lo'o outou galulue fa'atasi ai, fa'amolemole e tāua le fa'ailoa mai i le Matāgaluega, ne'i a'afia lau pisinisi, a'afia ai ma oe e tusa ma ala o le Tulafono.

"E 'ave lava le fa'amuamua a le Mālō i pisinisi a ō tatou tagata, ona o le puipuiga o le tamāo'āiga o Samoa ma ona tagata, ma ona 'ele'ele auā le lumana'i.

"O lo'o aga'i pea i luga le mauāluga o le aoina o tupe maua a le Matāgaluega o Tiute ma Tupe Maua e ala lea i lafoga tu'ua ma tiute. E fa'afetai ai si o tatou atunu'u i le lagolagosua i galuega fai a le tatou Matāgaluega e tusa o lipoti ma le totogiina o lafoga e aunoa ma se fa'amalosia."

Rain not an obstacle for First Harvest

By: Leota Marc Membrere

Farmers from Salega #2 didn't allow a little wet weather to dampen the mood at the Government's First Harvest (Ulua'i Selesela) at Vaipu'a.

Instead, they were despite the drizzle keen on displaying the hard work of their hands – their crops and livestock at the event on Saturday.

It was explainable though, because this was the first time that an exhibition of this sort was executed in the heart of the constituency, so bad weather was a little worry compared to the pride of showing off months of hard work.

Those who gathered to witness the showcase of crops and livestock took cover under umbrellas, tents, and porches of buildings

nearby as the rain continued on.

Even Members of Cabinet were not deterred to be part of the event and stepped out into the rain to witness the harvest and discuss with farmers their produces.

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries Laauli Leuatea Polataivao Fosi thanked the Salega# 2 for their preparation for the First Harvest.

He emphasized the need to rely less on imports and to return to the land, the Minister added that the blessings and benefits are found in the land.

The Minister stressed to the by-standers that the event was a building stone for the many events of the sort to happen which will guarantee to benefit the constituency into the future.

Crops exhibited at the 'Ulua'i Selesela were; taro, bananas, taamu, various fruits from their land, and even livestock such as cattle and sheep were on display.



Cabinet appoints Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Customs and Revenue

(GOVT. PRESS SECRETARIAT) - Cabinet at its meeting this week, Wednesday, 29th March 2023 approved the recommendation to appoint Afioaga Fonoti Talaitupu Li'a – Taefu as the Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Customs and Revenue (MCR). Fonoti has been appointed for a contractual term of three (3) years.

Fonoti started serving at the MCR as a Compliance Audit Officer in 2003 and remains at the Ministry to date. Her acquired skills and abilities, strong leadership qualities and professionalism attest to her promotions over the last 20 years. In 2016, Fonoti was appointed as the Ministry's Deputy CEO.

She holds a Master in Public Finance from the National

Graduate Institute of Policy Studies, Tokyo Japan as well as a Bachelor of Commerce from the National University of Samoa (NUS). Fonoti succeeds Matafeo Avalisa Viali – Fautuaalii.

The 41 year old hails from Fogasavai where she holds the title Fonoti and is married with six (6) children.

Cabinet Approves the Appointment of the Secretary/Chief Executive Officer of the Public Service Commission

(GOVT. PRESS SECRETARIAT) - Cabinet at its meeting on Wednesday, 29th March 2023 approved the appointment of Mr Kolone Tikeri as the Secretary to the Public Service Commission. Nine candidates interviewed for this position.

Mr. Tikeri graduated with a Master's Degree in Business Administration in 2021 from the University of Newcastle, Australia. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Management,

Economics and Public Administration from the University of the South Pacific.

Mr. Tikeri started his career at the Public Service Commission and worked therein for four years. He moved on promotion to the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development in 2008, as the Principal Officer for Human Resource and Administration. From 2010 to 2018, Tikeri worked at Samoa

Water Authority, firstly as the Human Resource Advisor, and subsequently promoted to be the first Manager of the Authority's Corporate Services. Currently, Tikeri works as an Administrative Specialist for the United Nations Environment Programme, at its Pacific Office in Apia.

Tikeri is 40 years old. He is married with children and hails from the villages of Lalomanu, Aleipata and Vaitoloa.

Celebrating Pacific culture in China

By: Leota Marc Membrere

Being far away from home never stops islanders from cherishing their Pasifika culture close.

And for Samoans studying in China, proud of who they are never miss an opportunity to promote and share their heritage and culture of the Pacific they call home.

Philton Solomona and Filifiliga Tuala are Samoan students studying in China who are also part of the Pacific Islands Students Associations (P.I.S.A.), a group of students from around the Pacific that are studying in Wuhan, China.

The group has a membership from 7 countries namely, Samoa, Tonga, PNG, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Fiji.

The Association was founded in 2019 and is recognized as a legitimate student body at the Central China Normal University (C.C.N.U.) in Wuhan.

And when Solomona found out that the Samoan Government was hosting a year-long celebration for Samoa's 60th Independence Anniversary he jumped to the opportunity to

showcase Samoa's culture to help boost his beloved home's tourism industry.

P.I.S.A. is founded in principles of mutual understanding and shared interests.

Its purpose is to assist Pacific Islands Students to settle in well when they arrive in Wuhan and it also provides a moral support structure where students can provide support for each other in times of need.

Recently, the group performed at Sanxia University's 9th Peach Blossom Culture Festival in Yichang City marking their presence at the event as a first they had ever performed in a big Chinese city outside off Wuhan.

Being part of the festival, meant that for the Samoan participants of the group this was a chance to showcase their culture to the people of China.

And, Philton is thankful to God for an opportunity such as this saying that he is committed to helping Samoa's tourism through P.I.S.A.

"When the new government declared a one-year 60th Independence celebration and that they were also investing a lot in the Arts I

knew that it was my job as well to help Samoan tourism," Philton told the Savali News.

"And for me all of the opportunities for me to perform and represent Samoa this past nine months has been my contribution to Samoa's Independence celebrations from my collaborations with Zimbabwean, Chinese and Korean rappers and musicians, performing in concerts and live jam sessions to playing Samoan music in bars and clubs here in Wuhan."

Philton says that he has always been grateful and thankful to God for the opportunity to be part of the group.

"Happy 60th Independence celebrations Samoa!" he says.

Filifiliga Tuala of Leauvaa is the Dance Director of PISA and spoke of the challenges he faced, especially in country far away from Samoa and the Pacific islands.

"It was a challenging role for me to try and put the dances together especially we all came from different countries and different cultures despite the fact we're all Pacific pupils," Filifiliga says.

He says that at the end of the day they managed to put everything on that stage and synchronized their hearts to make the best performance of the day as the university really showed their gratitude for their performance.

At the forefront of the group is leader, Eroni Duaibe of Fiji who told the Savali News exclusively that as part of the Pacific Culture, they are always keen to share the lifestyle and hospitality, also proudly saying that the crowd goes crazy when they take the stage to perform.

"We are always open to people who are always keen on learning about our culture. There have been other nationalities who have been wanting to join us as they have been fascinated by the dynamics of our relationship," he says.

He explained that that the group is not for performances purposes only, as members are entering the workforce soon, and they hope to have a network of professionals that could provide sound advice in their respective professional development.

Prime Minister Fiame and Commonwealth Secretary-General urge stronger efforts to get more women into leadership



Prime Minister Fiame Mata'afa (right) meeting up with the Commonwealth Secretary-General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, (far left) in the United Kingdom earlier this month

(PRESS RELEASE)- The Prime Minister of Samoa, the Hon Fiame Naomi Mata'afa and the Commonwealth Secretary-General, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, have called for stronger efforts to address the gender imbalance in leadership.

Both leaders noted that despite progress, women in positions of power remain rare.

Prime Minister Hon Fiame Naomi Mata'afa was speaking on the theme 'Women's Leadership in the Commonwealth' alongside the Secretary-General at a special edition of the Marlborough House Dialogues in London on 14 March 2023.

Addressing an audience of Commonwealth ministers, foreign ministers, high commissioners, civil society delegates and journalists, Prime Minister Mata'afa said:

"Only seven per cent of the world's elected heads of government are women ... To change this, women's representation in the parliament needs to reach 50 per cent. This requires challenging the cultural impediments and social conditioning to create a more supportive environment for

women to participate in politics."

She continued: "Doing so is important because there is a direct correlation between the level of women's representation in leadership and the level of national development."

Drawing on her experience, the Samoan Prime Minister encouraged aspiring leaders to be self-aware and to understand their environment, adding that these two factors are essential to bringing about positive change. She further urged everyone to take full advantage of their constitutional rights and the opportunities offered to them.

The Prime Minister also spoke about Samoa's unique social structures, including women's committees, that enable women to lead on policy initiatives, including climate action, in their homes and villages.

However, with six out of 52 parliament seats held by women in Samoa, she noted that challenges remain in ensuring women's perspectives inform decision-making on climate change at the national level.

In her opening remarks, the Secretary-General recognised the Prime Minister as one of the few women working at the highest level of political leadership, highlighting her achievements in breaking down barriers in politics.

She also acknowledged the remarkable progress made in Rwanda, the current Commonwealth Chair-In-Office, which, at 61 per cent, has the highest proportion of women members of parliament in the world.

Secretary-General Scotland further underscored that increased women's participation in leadership leads to policymaking that promotes quality of life, a more participatory democracy, a stronger push for getting rid of unjust laws and greater action on social issues, such as gender-based violence.

Noting the significant under-representation of women in decision-making roles, the Secretary-General said the fact that women make up more than half of the world's population should be enough to compel us to ensure equality in leadership.

Japan names Samoan MEXT Scholarship recipient

By: Jasmine Netzler-Iose

Lynham Mariner is the recipient of Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship to Osaka University.

Announced by Ambassador of Japan Senta Keisuke yesterday the 25 year old is feeling blessed for the opportunity to study in Osaka Japan.

According to the civil engineer this is an opportunity for him to be specialised in the field of hydraulic and coastal engineering specifically on offshore tsunami mitigation effects.

And this is his field of study for this Masters which he will be leaving Samoa for today (Friday) to undertake.

He plans to return to Samoa after his studies in Japan so that he can apply his knowledge and skills in the local context.

However, Mariner also told the media at the event that if he does get the opportunity to work there in Japan to gain more experience in his field, he would definitely take it up.

Taking his leave for studies in Japan and the decision to study there was a move he had put a lot of thought in especially considering his interest in hydraulics and coastal engineering.

According to him Japan was the best choice since it was a country that was prone to natural disasters like tsunamis thus it was very similar to Samoa's environmental conditions in this respect.

He said that tsunamis cannot be stopped completely and although Samoa already has mitigation programs and evacuation plans in place, he felt that there was a gap for a specialised expert to address these in Samoa.

And he hopes that he completes successfully his studies so that he can one day open up his own business around this context in the future.

But, for now the young man is looking

forward to the food in Osaka which according to Ambassador Senta is one of the best features of the city.

The Ambassador also wished Mariner all the best in his studies and to take the time to visit a memorial site that is 40 mins away from Osaka where there are remains of a natural disaster that occurred there some years earlier.

When he wanted to purchase his first home that is where he wanted to live because he was told it was the safest place to be because – no earthquakes.

And, he said Kobe in Osaka had the best beef and seafood which is one of the reasons why he wanted to have his first home there.

But, not long after that an earthquake struck the region – and the ambassador said this was a reminder that no place is safe because you never know what might happen.

He urged Mariner to engage with the locals and watch television where he can quickly pick up the language which is very easy to learn.

And that he returns successfully from his studies to help protect Samoa's shores from natural disasters like tsunamis.

"I hope you gain a lot of knowledge," he urged.

Osaka is a large port city and commercial center on the Japanese island of Honshu known for its modern architecture, nightlife and hearty street food.

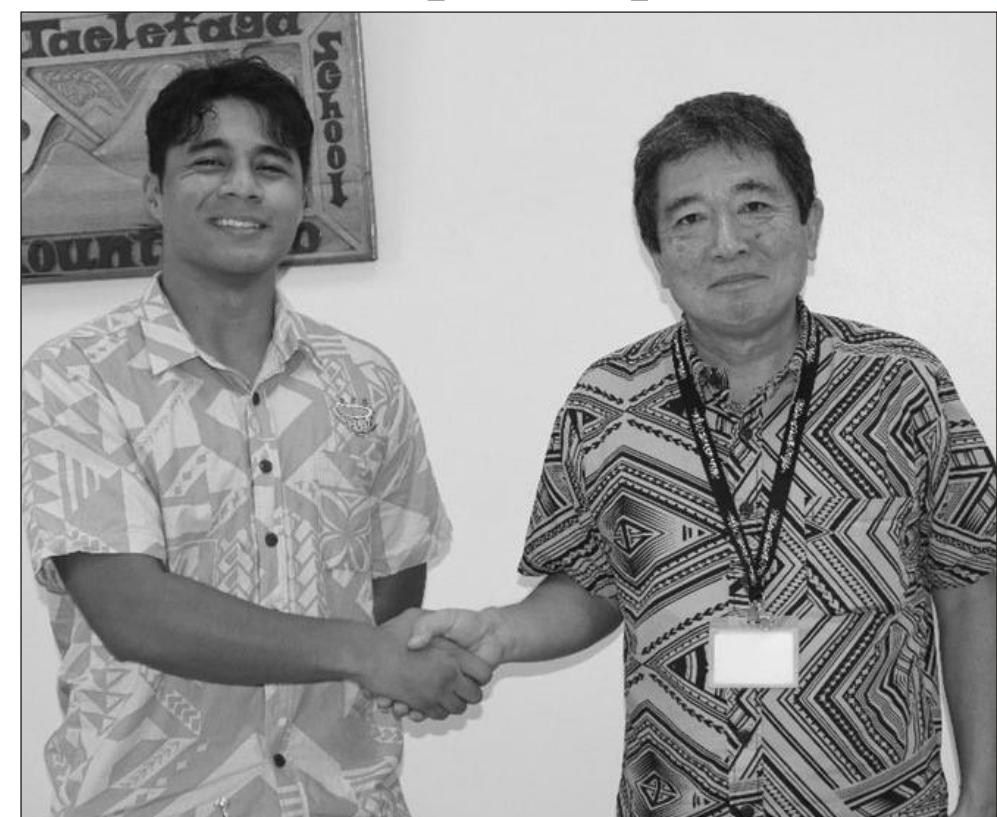
Mariner currently holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours) from the London South Bank University in the United Kingdom and recently resigned from his position with the Samoa Water Authority to take up his scholarship.

He is the son of Albert and Clare Mariner of Falelatai, Salelologa and Lano Savaii.

MEXT Scholarship

The scholarship is open to applicants from all over the world and not just to Samoa.

It is high caliber scholarship and attracts



Latest MEXT Scholarship recipient Lynham Mariner and Ambassador of Japan to Samoa, Senta Keisuke

international attention from applicants but has been on hold for the past three years before the selection of Mariner due to Covid-19.

But, the Japanese Government (MEXT) offers several types of scholarship to people of the Independent State of Samoa to study in Japan every year. The Embassy of Japan in Samoa conducts the selection of the candidates.

Scholarships available are as follows:

Teachers Training Students Scholarship (Selection period: February/March)

Specified Training College Students

Scholarship (Selection period: June/July)
Undergraduate Student Scholarship (Selection period: June/July)

Research student Scholarship (Selection period: June/July)

The requirements of applicants and the availabilities of fields of study varies and if you are interested the embassy is happy to receive a call from you.

Their contact is 21187 or visit them on the 2nd floor of the SNPF Plaza for more information.

Chancellor tours all USP campuses in Laucala, Fiji

The University of the South Pacific (USP) Laucala Campus welcomed its Chancellor, the Head of State of the Independent State of Samoa, His Highness Afioaga Tuimalealifano Vaaletua Sualauvi II, for a tour of the institute yesterday.

The USP Chancellor, accompanied by Samoa's High Commissioner to Fiji, His Excellency Aliioaiga Feturi Elisaia, Pro-Chancellor & Chair of Council Dr Hilda Heine, USP Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Pal Ahluwalia, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President (DVC&VP) (Regional Campuses & Global Engagement) Dr Giulio Paunga, DVC & VP Education, Professor Jito Vanualailai, Chief Operating Officer, Mr Walter Fraser, Private Secretary to the Head of State Mr Ulugia Mareko Tulouna, and Secretary to Council & Manager CSS Mr Totivi Bokini-Ratu.

The half-day tour started with a Head of State meeting at the Laucala Administration building, followed by a quick visit to the USP Marine (Lower) Campus, where the delegates had the chance to see firsthand the laboratory used by students to conduct research.

During his tour of the marine science laboratory, the Chancellor said, "I am happy that our students have a laboratory such as this to do their work that is related to the Pacific."

Towards the end of the Marine Campus tour, the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, and the delegates were briefed about the Pacific Ocean Litter Youth Project (POLYP) by co-founder Ms Suzanne Turaganiwai from the Institute of Applied Science.

Ms Turaganiwai explained that the POLYP initiative focused on collecting plastic waste from the shorelines and repurposing it through art and other means.

The Chancellor, His Highness Sualauvi II acknowledged the POLYP initiative, adding that "such work not only contributes positively to promoting a greener environment but also allows USP to be actively involved in promoting a greener future."

At the Statham campus, the Chancellor had a chance to discuss with the Head of the School of Business and Management (SBM), Professor Gurmeet Singh and his staff.

The meeting was centred around the progress of SBM over the years, producing successful MBA graduates that have become leaders in various organisations in Fiji and the Pacific.

In his brief to the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Singh said that USP's business and economics programmes are recognised in the Times Higher Education, a significant achievement for a regional university.

"USP's Business and Economics programmes are in the 400 to 600 category, which is very impressive," Professor Singh said.

The team also had an opportunity to have a quick discussion with the School of Law staff about USP's thriving law programme and its importance in the region.

Speaking to law students this morning, Chancellor Sualauvi II is on his journey from



being a police officer to a lawyer.

"I was a policeman previously before I pursued my law degree. After I received my law degree, I was attached to the Police department and later transferred to the Attorney General's office," the Chancellor said.

"Our government then decided to establish a public defender's office, and I was the first to join with my background in criminal law. If you want to do the right thing, you must follow the law as your clients choose you," Chancellor Sualauvi II added.

Chancellor Sualauvi II said he is excited for the law students who will graduate this week at the USP Laucala graduation ceremony.

After the tour of the entire USP campus around Laucala in Suva, the Chancellor and his delegates met with the USPSA Federal team before a final photo opportunity. The visiting team then had a tea break at the Pacific Fusion Restaurant.

Served by the Pacific Technical and Further Education (Pacific TAFE) students, the delegates were praised for the excellent service and hospitality on display.

USP VC Professor Ahluwalia said, "if I were to give you a mark based on the service and hospitality shown to us today, you'd all get good marks."

The Chancellor and his entourage then visited the Vodafone Arena before retiring for the day to prepare for the graduation Thursday and Friday.



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IT OFFICER – IT DIVISION

The Samoa International Finance Authority (SIFA) invites applications from persons qualified to fill the above position.

The IT Officer will be responsible for the delivery of core IT support services for SIFA. This includes administering, design and responsible for installing and maintaining computer hardware and software maintenance. The team consults and recommends future planning and development of IT resources.

The minimum qualification an applicant must hold is an undergraduate degree in IT, Computer Science or relevant Tertiary Certificate with emphasis in IT. Experience and knowledge of IT related work is essential such as use of computers, operating systems, applications, network and communication technologies.

Applications must include a full resume; including copies of qualifications, names and contacts of three (3) referees and other relevant information.

For full details of the position please uplift a copy of the Job Description from the SIFA Office.

All applications should be marked "Application for IT Officer – IT Division" and be addressed to:

Tuifaasisina Sieni Tualega-Voorwinden
Chief Executive Officer
Samoa International Finance Authority
Level 6, DBS Building
APIA

Applications must be received at the above address by **4:00pm on Tuesday 11th April 2023**. Late applications will not be considered. **Applications sent by email will not be accepted.**

For further information, please contact Maletile Smith-Ioane of SIFA, telephone (685) 66412 during working hours or email: maletile.ioane@sifa.ws or Moana Ah Poe, telephone (685) 66407 during working hours or email: moana.ahpoe@sifa.ws

Inter-Bench Judicial Exchange Conference Ava Ceremony

The ava ceremony was held at the Samoa Tourism Authority (STA) Fale on Monday morning.

Photos by : Leota Marc Membrere



The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour at the Samoa National Workshops on Workplan for Child Labour 8.7 Path Finder country launched its Rapid Assessment Survey of Child Street Vendors at Taumeasina On Wednesday morning. The Ministry with ongoing support of the ILO and UNICEF carried out this follow-up survey to strengthen evidence for accurate planning and targeted interventions. The update findings and recommendations from this report will inform the National Action Plan under the Alliance 8.7 for the main purpose to aid in the elimination of Child Labour in Samoa. (Photos: Jasmine Netzler - Iose)





Ia maua'a ma si'itia auaunaga tau a'oa'oga i Samoa

Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasī

O le a'oa'oina o alo ma fanau e fa'aāogaina ai auala fa'atekonolosi, o se tasi lea o vaega tāua o lo'o fa'ipā'aga ai le Mālō e tauala atu i le Matāgaluega o 'Āoga, Ta'aloga ma Aganu'u (M.E.S.C.) ma le Mālō Aufa'atasi tauala atu i le U.N.E.S.C.O.

O a'oa'oga o se tasi lea o ma'a tulimanu o le atina'eina o le tamāo'āiga o Samoa, a'o se vaega fo'i o lo'o 'ave ai peia le fa'amuamua a le Mālō, ina ia maua uma e tagata Samoa avanoa tutusa i le ola a'oa'oina.

O le vaimaso nei, sa fa'amae'a ai se tasi o polōketi i le fa'aāogaina o masini fa'aonaponei, o tablets ma iPads e fanau o le atunu'u, e fai ai a latou mea'āoga.

O le Mālō o lāpani sa fa'atupeina lea polōketi mo 'āoga, ua mafai ona o'o atu ai lea fesoasoani mo le fa'aāogaina o feso'otā'iga fa'aneionapo fa'apea ai ma a'oa'oga masani i totolu o potu 'āoga.

O le 2001 na amata mai ai lea faigāpa'aga, e ui o lea ua fa'amae'a, ae ua ta'oto atu nei le fa'aauauina o lea polōketi i 'āao o le Matāgaluega o 'Āoga, Ta'aloga ma Aganu'u.

I le saunoaga a le afioga i le Ofisa Sili Lagolago o le

Matāgaluega o 'Āoga, Ta'aloga ma Aganu'u iā Tuaopepe Perenise Tinei, sa ia toe fa'amanatu ai le tāua tele o lea polōketi i alo ma fanau a le atunu'u.

"O lo'o fa'atumauna peia le avea o a'oa'oga ma ma'a tulimanu o le atina'e o le tamāo'āiga ma agafeso'ota'i a Samoa, lea ua o'o mai lava i le taimi nei o lo'o tatou fa'amauna lava lea talitonuga, ma e fa'afetaia ai a tatou pa'aga fa'avāomālō.

"E avea ai a'u e fai ma fotoga taumolimoli o le Mālō, le Matāgaluega, o tatou 'āoga aemaise o le fanau, matou te momoli atu ai le agaga o le fa'afetai ona o le sao o le Mālō lāpani i le atina'eina o le tamāo'āiga o Samoa.

"E momoli fo'i le fa'afetai i le U.N.E.S.C.O. tauala atu i le afioga i le Fa'atonu iā Nisha, mo le fa'asoaina mai o lo outou tomai ma agava'a, o punaoa fa'apitoa ma faiga fa'apa'aga e maua ai e fanau a Samoa avanoa tutusa mo le fa'aāogaina o ia auala, mo le ola a'oa'oina lelei o fanau talu mai mafatiaga sa feagai ai ma Samoa ona o le Koviti – 19.

"E i ai le talitonu o le fa'aāogaina o le I.C.T. i tulaga tau a'oa'oga i totolu o Samoa, o se fesoasoani tele lea e foia ai le vaeluaina o tamaiti, ae o le a fa'aāoga lea auala e fa'afesaga'i ai le fai'āoga ma tamaiti 'āoga mo le si'itia atili o ā latou 'āoga.

"O le a mafai ona fa'aāoga nei masini fou e sili ona lelei e fa'aleleia atili ai a latou su'esu'ega i matā'upu o lo'o a'oa'oina ai i latou i totolu o potu 'āoga.

"Mo le aga'i peia i luga o le tomai o fai'āoga, e ao ai ona faia ni a'oa'oga fa'akomipiuta mo fai'āoga ma tu'u atu le tauau o i latou e i ai tomai fa'apitoa i lea vaega e lagolago ma fesoasoani atu i le latou galuega.

"O le a mata'iitūina fo'i e le Matāgaluega le fa'aāogaina o ā tatou masini ma vaega uma o lo'o fa'atino ai lea polōketi, ina ia mautinoa o lo'o fa'aāoga tatau ma tausia lelei."

Na momoli le fa'amālō a le Fa'atonu o le U.N.E.S.C.O. iā Nisha, ona e ui ua mae'a le taimi fa'atulagaina o lea polōketi, ae ua maitauina le tele o 'āoga ua mafai ona o'o atu i ai lea fesoasoani mo le atia'e atili o le itu tau i a'oa'oga e ala i le fa'aāogaina o le fa'atekonolosi.

"Aua tou te fa'avaivai e su'esu'ea ma fa'aāoga metotia fou ma auala fou e si'itia ai lo outou ola a'oa'oina lelei, auā se lumana'i manua."

Sa fautua fo'i le Aamapsa o le Mālō lāpani iā Senta Keisuke i alo ma fanau sa auai, ina ia to'a'aga e sa'ilili ma fa'aāoga masini ua latou maua e fai ai a latou mea'āoga.

Sikolasipi i lāpani se tamafanau a Samoa

Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasī

O Lynham Mariner, 25 tausaga o Vaipuna ua fa'amanuina i le avanoa sikolasipi a le Mālō lāpani mo le lunivesite o Osaka.

O le taeao ananafi sa fa'alauiloa ai e le Amapasa o lāpani i Samoa nei, susuga iā Senta Keisuke le fa'aeaea ua pale ai le ali'i o Mariner.

O lea avanoa sikolasipi o lo'o auala mai i le Matāgaluega o 'Āoga, Aganu'u, Ta'aloga, Fa'asaienisi ma le Fa'atekonolosi (M.E.X.T.) a lāpani.

O le fa'ailoga o le Masters i le vaega tau inisina ma e fa'apitoa lava i tulaga tau sunami ma le fa'aitiitia o ona a'afiaga, lea o le a su'esu'eina e lea ali'i i totolu o le lunivesite a Osaka.

O le Mariner o lo'o i ai lona fa'ailoa Tikerī mai le lunivesite o le South Bank i totolu o le United Kingdom, ma o lo'o galue i le Pulega o le Suāvai, o le tagata faigaluega inisina.

I le fa'alauiloa ai o lea tulaga, na saunoa ai le Amapasa o lāpani e fa'apea, o le fiafiaga tele lea ia te ia ona o le mafai ona maua o avanoa o fanau mai Samoa nei, e fa'aauau ai o latou olaga a'oa'oina i matā'upu o lo'o i ai le naunauta'iga e fia maua ai o latou tomai ma agava'a.

E le gata i lea, a'o se vaega tāua fo'i lea mo

Samoa, o le maua o avanoa o tamaiti e a'oa'oga ai ma maua o latou fa'ailoga, toe taliu mai i Samoa, sasa'a mai o latou tomai ma agava'a i le atina'eina o le tamāo'āiga o Samoa.

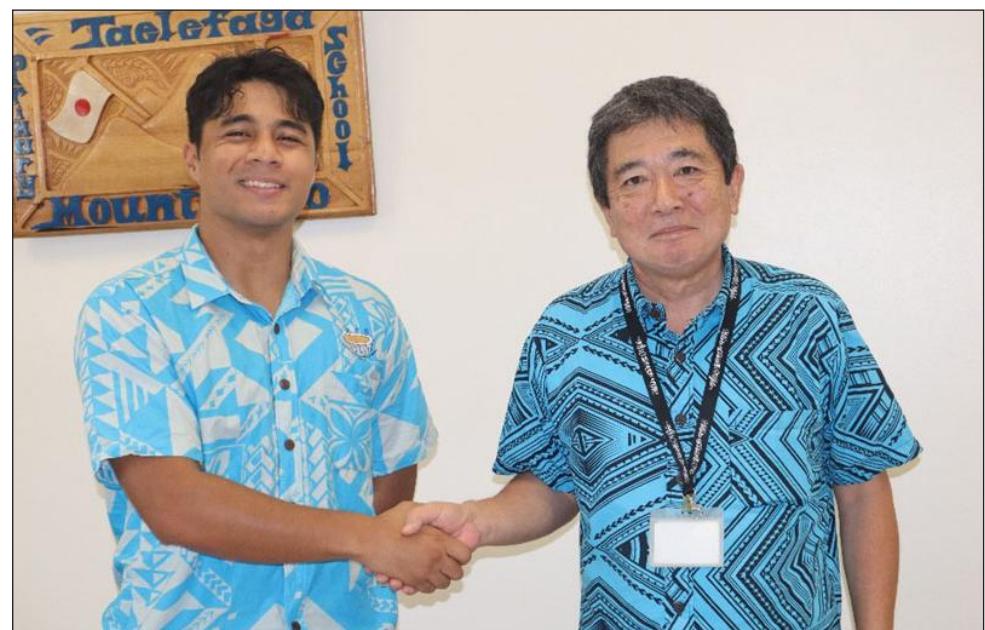
O filifilia o avanoa nei, e fai sina mauāluga o le tulaga o aiaiga ma vaega mo'omia e mafai ai ona maua avanoa, ona e lē na'o tamaiti Samoa o lo'o talosaga i avanoa ia, o lo'o talosaga ai le to'atele o tamaiti o isi atunu'u.

Ae fa'afetai o lea ua maua se tasi nei o avanoa sikolasipi mo lenei alo o Samoa, ma e i ai le talitonuga o le a fa'aāoga tatau le avanoa ua maua, ina ia mafai ona su'esu'e i auala e manua ai taumafaiga tau a'oa'oga ma maua ai le tomai mo nisi auala e atina'e ai Samoa pe a manua mai le ola a'oa'oina i lāpani, o le fa'aopoopo lea a le Amapasa.

Na saunoa fa'afetai Mariner i le Mālō lāpani, ona o le avanoa ua ia maua e sa'ilili ai lona fa'ailoga o le Masters.

"O le agaga fa'agae'etia ma le fa'afetai i le Atua e lē fa'aitiitia, ona o lenei avanoa ua ou maua e fa'aauau ai le ola a'oa'oina, ina ia si'itia atili le tomai ma le agava'a i vaega lea ou te iloa e mafai ona ou fesoasoani ai mo le atina'e o Samoa i le lumana'i.

"O le fa'amoemoe lea e i ai, ina ia fa'alauetele atili su'esu'ega ma ia maua atili fa'amatalaga



Le ali'i iā Lynham Mariner o lo'o lūlū 'āao ma le Amapasa o lāpani, le Susuga iā Senta Keisuke i le mae'a ai ona fa'alauiloa lona avanoa e 'āoga sikolasipi ai i lāpani mo le lima tausaga (Ata Pu'eina: Jasmine Netzler – Iose).

mai auala a le Mālō o lāpani, ina ia mafai ai ona tu'uina atu fua fa'atatau o sunami ua fa'amaonia e 'āoga mo atunu'u e pei o Samoa."

E lima tausaga o le a 'āoga ai lea ali'i, ma ua

ia fa'ailoa a manua ana taumafaiga, o le a toe fo'i mai lava i Samoa e fa'aāoga lona tomai ma lona iloa, e fesoasoani ai i le atina'eina o le tamāo'āiga o Samoa.



Na afea e le Afioga i le Palemia, Fiame Naomi Mataafa i lana malaga fa'alemālō i Ausetalia, nisi o fanau a le atunu'u o lo'o galulue i galuega fa'avaitaimi i Hansen Orchards i Tasmania (Ata Pu'eina: Australia High Commission in Samoa)

Amata iā Aperila ona filifili e nu'u, tagata i galuega fa'avaitaimi

Tusia: Tusiga Taofiga

I le tele o lu'itau ma fa'afitauli sa alia'e mai i uiga o tagata ua fa'aālia a'o i ai i galuega fa'avaitami i Niu Sila ma Ausetalia, ua a'e ai se tōfā i le Mālō mo le tu'uina atu o le malosi'aga i Ofisa o Fono Fa'avae i Itumālō & 51, e filifilia ai e nu'u ta'itasi tagata e tatau ona malaga mo ia galuega fa'avaitaimi.

I lalo o le fa'amalumaluga ma le va'ava'aiga a le Mālō o Samoa, ina ia mautinoa e tineia lu'itau ma fa'afitauli sa tutupu muamua, a ia pa'ū tonu fa'amanuiaga i 'ai latou e talafeagai ai galuega nei.

Ua va'aia le fa'aāoga fa'aletaua e nisi o ia avanoa, ma tutupu ai le tele o fa'afitauli ua ta'uvalea ai ma Samoa, o se itu lea na matuā iloilo toto'a ai e le Kapaneta se ālafua ma se ta'iala mautū e taofiofi ai le so'ona punafanau o ia uiga matagā ma tineia ai le malaga o e lo'o maua galuega lelei i nei avanoa, ae taotaomia ai pea avanoa mo e sa tatau ona malaga, e sa'ilili manuia mo 'āiga, nu'u ma le eklesia.

Saunoa le afioga iā Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio, o le Sui Palemia e fa'apea;

"O lo'o fa'agasolo pe a le fa'amae'aina o le toe iloiloina o Faiga Fa'avae a le tatou Mālō, i le va feagai ai o Samoa, Niu Sila ma Ausitalia i le fa'atinoga o le Polokalame o Galuega Fa'avaitaimi.

"O le autū o le toe iloiloina o lenei Faiga Fa'avae, ina ia mautū lelei manaoga o Samoa i lalo o lenei Polokalame, ma manino aiaiga mo le fa'afagaluega ai o ā tatou tagata, pe a malaga atu mo galuega fa'avaitaimi i ia atunu'u.

"Mulia'i, fa'ataunu'u lea o ni fa'atalanoaga ma a tatou pa'aga i Niu Sila ma Ausitalia, mo ni aiaiga fou, ina ia mausalī le fa'atinoga o lea polokalame, auā fa'amanuiaga mo na atunu'u ae fa'apea fo'i ma Samoa.

"O lo'o fa'aauau pea faigāmalaga i lisi faatalitali a le tatou Mālō iā Aperila ma Me. O lo'o i ai fo'i ni fetu'utu'unā'iga i Niu Sila, i nisi o alo ma fanau, ua lē mafai ona fa'aauau galuega ona o le

afā tele o Kapilielu (Cyclone Gabrielle), sa a'afia ai togālā'au, sa mafai ona fa'afagaluega ai pea i latou, i nisi vaega o galuega i isi Kamupanī se'ia mae'a taimi fa'atulagaina o ā latou konekarate.

"E amata i le masina fou ona tu'u atu le filifiliga o i latou, e auai i galuega fa'avaitaimi i nu'u ta'itasi, e tauula atu i Fono Fa'avae a Itumālō, latou te filifilia ai a latou tagata, e tatau ona malaga atu mo galuega fa'avaitaimi i Niu Sila ma Ausitalia e tusa o aiaiga fa'alekulafono.

"E tumau pea le fa'aoeina o nei malaga i le fa'amalumaluga a le Mālō."

Na afea e le afioga i le Palemia, Fiame Naomi Mataafa i lana malaga fa'alemālō i totolu o Ausitalia, nisi o fanau a le atunu'u o lo'o galulue i galuega fa'avaitaimi i Hansen Orchards i Tasmania, Ausitalia.

O se itu lelei lea e toe momoli ai le fa'amalosi'au a le Ta'ita'i o le Mālō, i tatou tamafanau a'o feagai ai ma le tele o lu'itau i nei galuega.

Faamaonia e le Kapaneta le Tofiga o le Ofisa Sili o le Matagaluega o Tiute ma Tupe Maua

(OFISA O LE SO'OUPU)-Na faamaonia e le Kapaneta i lana Fonotaga o le vaisao nei, Aso Lulu, 29 Mati, 2023 le fautuaga a le Komiti na faatinoina le faatalatalanoaga o le avanoa Ofisa Sili o Pulega, o le Matagaluega o Tiute ma Tupe Maua, le tofia o le Afioga i a Fonoti Talaitupu Li'a – Taefu e avea ma Ofisa Sili o le Matagaluega mo le tolu tausaga. O Fonoti, sa matauina toto'a e le Komiti ona agavaa ma tomai, ma lona silafia i vaega tupito o le galuega faa Ofisa Sili o le Matagaluega.

Ua silia ma le 20 tausaga o galue Fonoti i le Matagaluega o Tiute ma Tupe Maua talu mai le 2003. Na tofia e avea ma Sui Ofisa Sili i le 2016 e oo mai nei. O loo ia umia le Faailoga o le Matua o Faiva i tulaga tau Tupe Maua mai i Japani, ma le faailoga tikeri i mataupu tau Alamanua mai i le lunivesite Aoao o Samoa.

Ua 41 tausaga o lona soifua ma ua faaipoipo. E toaono (6) o la alo, ma o loo ia umia le Suafa Matai – Fonoti mai Fogasavaii. Ua sui tulaga Fonoti i le Afioga a Matafeo Avalisa Viali – Fautualii.



Faamaonia e le Kapaneta le Tofiga o le Failautusi o le Komisi o Galuega a le Malo

(OFISA O LE SO'OUPU)-Na faamaonia e le Kapaneta i lana Fonotaga o le Aso Lulu, 29 Mati, 2023 le fautuaga a le Komiti sa faatinoina faatalatalanoaga, le tofia o le susuga i a Kolone Tikeri e avea ma Failautusi o le Komisi o Galuega a le Malo, o le Ofisa Sili foi lea o le Ofisa o le Komisi o Galuega a le Malo. O lenei avanoa na soloia i le 2015 o se vaega o nisi o fesuiaiga i lea vaitaimi. Peitai, o le tausaga na te'a nei, 2022 na faamaonia ai e le Kapaneta le toe faatuina o lenei avanoa.

O Kolone Tikeri o lo o ia umia le Faailoga o le Matuaofaiva i mataupu tau pisinisi mai i le lunivesite o Newcastle i Ausitalia. O loo ia umia foi le Faailoga Tikeri i tulaga tau Pulega ma le Faafoeina o Galuega mai i le lunivesite o le Pasefika.

Na amata galue Tikeri i le Komisi o Galuega a le Malo, ma sa faigaluega ai mo le 4 tausaga. Ona se'e atu ai lea i le Matagaluega o Tina ma Tamaitai o se Ofisa Sinia Autu, i tulaga tau i Pulega ma le faafoeina o galuega mo le lua tausaga. Sa siitia lona tulaga ma se'e atu ai i le 2010 i le Pulega o le Suavai, o se faufautua i le faafoeina o galuega. Mulimuli ane sa tofia ai e avea ma Pule o le Vaega o Auaunaga Lautele mo le Pulega o le Suavai. O loo faigaluega nei i se tasi o lala o Malo Aufaataasi, o se Faufautua Faapitoa i le faafoeina o tagata faigaluega.

Ua 40 tausaga o Tikeri ma ua faaipoipo. O ona alalafaga o Lalomanu ma Vaitoloa.



Fa'amāmā 'avega mo 'āiga e lima i Faleāse'elā - Uta

Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasī

E lima 'āiga i Faleāse'elā - Uta ua mafai ona latou fa'aāoga ogāumu kesi e gaosia mai otaota o manu, o toega o taumafa ma isi otaota lafoa'i.

Ua tatala aloāia lea atina'e e pei ona molimauina e nisi o sui o le Mālō, le nu'u fa'atasi ai ma sui o Mālō Aufa'atasi (U.N.D.P.).

O le fa'aāoga o ia ogāumu kesi, o se fa'amāmā 'avega lea mo ia 'āiga o Faleāse'elā - Uta, ma o se fofō lea i lu'itau o lo'o feagai ma nai ia 'āiga.

O lea atina'e sa galulue fa'atasi ai le Matāgaluega o Fa'ato'aga ma Faigāfaiva, le Mālō Aufa'atasi ma le Pacific Grow Ltd. ae sa fa'atupeina e le Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (G.E.F. - S.G.P.).

O le fa'apipi'i ai o ia ogāumu kesi e gaosia mai otaota lafoa'i, toega o taumafa ma otaota o manu, o se la'asaga tāua lea mo le fa'amoemoe o le Mālō ina ia gafataulimaina e tagata ma lelei mo le si'osi'omaga.

O le 'auga ma le fa'amoemoe o lea atina'e ina ia fa'aititia ai le fa'alagolago o le atunu'u i suā'u, ae fa'aāoga lea atina'e e fesoasoani ai i le fa'aititia o le kasa 'o'ona, ae ia maua e tagata o le atunu'u se lumana'i gafataulimaina.

Na momoli le agaga o le fa'afetai a le Peresetene o se tasi o Komiti i totolu o le afio'aga ua taua o le Sa'ili Manuia o 'Āiga mo Taeao (S.M.A.T.) iā Leausalilo Sanelivi l'a ona ua taulau o le fa'amoemoe.

"Fa'afetai i le Mālō Aufa'atasi, fa'atasi ai ma le Matāgaluega o Fa'ato'aga ma Faigāfaiva, ona o le fesoasoani lea ua tino mai ai le fa'amoemoe o lenei nu'u, aemaise o 'āiga ua fa'amanuia ina lenei atina'e.

"O le fa'apipi'i ina ai o lenei atina'e, o le a maua ai e lo matou nu'u se malosi'aga fa'afouina mamā ma lelei, ae fa'aititia ai le kasa 'o'ona e a'afia ai tatou mai le si'osi'omaga o lo'o tatou ola ma soifua ai.

"O le fa'apipi'i ai o nei ogāumu kesi, o lo'o fuafua lava i manaoga o 'āiga ta'ito'atasi ma sa fa'atautaia fo'i a'oa'oga, ina ia mautinoa o lo'o fa'aāogaina ma le tatau."



Laufofoga fiafia o nisi o le afioaga sa auai i le tatalaina o lea poloketi.



Le Fa'atonu o le S.G.P ia, Lilo Maiava Filifilia Iosefa (laei mumu) i le fa'alauiloaina o le poloketi i Faleāse'ela

Manuia le si'igā gasegase a Leatinu'u Wayne So'oialo

Tusia: Tusiga Taofiga

I le vaivao ua mavae, na fofogaina ai e le afioga i le Sui Palemia iā Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio le atunu'u, e tusa o le si'igā gasegase a le afioga i le Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o Pisinisi, Ālamanua ma Leipa (M.C.I.L.) iā Leatinu'u Wayne So'oialo.

E tele ni vaivao sa to'esea ai le afioga i le Minisitā ma Samoa ona o sa'iligā togafitiga i Niu Sila, ina ua lē atoatoa fo'i le malosi o le tino, auā le fa'aauauina o lona valā'auina.

Peita'i o le toe fo'i mai ai o le afioga iā Leatinu'u, na saunoa manino ai le afioga i le Sui Palemia, e fa'ailoa iā Samoa aoao, le toe taliu manuia mai ai i fanua o le afioga i le Minisitā.

"Ua toe taunu'u manuia mai i fanua le afioga i le Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o Pisinisi, Ālamanua ma Leipa, iā Leatinu'u Wayne So'oialo, sa feagai ma togafitiga o gasegase i Niu Sila.

"O le vi'iga ma le fa'afetai i le Atua, ona o lona agalelei ua mafai ai ona fa'afisua le soifua laulelei o le afioga i le Minisitā i se tulaga manuia."

Na momoli fo'i le fa'afetai fa'apitoa a le Mālō i le tapuāiga leoleoa a le atunu'u aemaise o le nofo tatalo a'o feagai ai le Minisitā ma sa'iligā matagi i Niu Sila.

Ua toe fa'aauau ai nei tofiga fa'aMinisitā o Leatinu'u e pei ona tofiga ai, e tautua ai mo lenei Paeā'iga.



Afioga i le Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o Pisinisi, Ālamanua ma Leipa, iā Leatinu'u Wayne So'oialo (Pu'e Ata: Tusiga Taofiga).



Afioga i le Sui Palemia – Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio (Ata Pu'eina: Marc Membrere).

Fa'amanuia ma fa'afetaia e le Kapaneta le tautua matavela a nisi o tamāli'i

Tusia: Tusiga Taofiga

E lē fa'agaloina i Ta'ita'i o le atunu'u, le tautua matavela a nisi o Ofisa Sili o Pulega i nisi o auaunaga a le Mālō, ua mālō mai o latou tofiga.

I le saunoaga fa'apitoa a le afioga i le Sui Palemia, Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio, na ia momoli ai le fa'afetai tele a le Mālō, e nei tamāli'i o le atunu'u.

"E fa'aleoina fo'i le agaga faafetai o le tatou Mālō, i tamāli'i ma faletua sa umia nei tofiga i tausaga e tele ua tuana'i, i lo latou sao tāua ma le tautua lē fa'alogologotigā i lo tatou atunu'u.

"E aofia ai le afioga iā Māta'utia Rula Levi, sa ia tau'aveina le tofiga o le Ofisa Sili o Pulega mo le Fa'alapotopotoga o Fale a Samoa mo tausaga e tele. O le afioga iā Tilafono David Hunter sa avea ma Fa'auluuluga o le Fa'alapotopotoga o Su'esu'ega Fa'asaienisi a Samoa (S.R.O.S.) fa'apea ai ma le Matāgaluega o Fa'atoaga ma Faigāfaiva, ma le afioga iā Leaupepe Pelesauma Māta'utia Ropati, sa ia tau'avea le tofiga o le Tausi Mavaega a Samoa i le tele o tausaga ua mavae.

"Fa'amālō, fa'afetai le tautua atunu'u, ma le tautua Mālō. O lenei ua magoto le igafu, ma ua tautai a'e lo outou faiva sa outou gāpātia ai. O le tatalo, ia saga fa'amanuia le Atua i lo outou soifua, ma ia fa'aāogaina pea outou mo nisi tofiga ua la finagalo i ai i le lumana'i. Fa'afetai ma fa'amālō le fai o le faiva.

Na afea fo'i i lana 'upu fa'amanuia nisi o tamāli'i ua tofiga latou te tau'aveina nei tofiga mo lenei tolu tausaga.

"E pei ona mua'i fa'ailoa atu i lo tatou atunu'u, le fa'amaonia ai e le Kapaneta o tofiga o Ofisa Sili o Pulega mo nisi o Matāgaluega ma Fa'alapotopotoga a le Mālō i le vaiaso na te'a nei, atoa ai ma lenei vaiaso.

"Mo le silafia, ua tofiga le afioga iā Sautiamaiava Titimaea Tiotio e avea ma Ofisa Sili o Pulega mo le Fa'alapotopotoga o Fale a Samoa. O le afioga iā Seuseu Dr. Joseph Tauati ua avea nei ma Ofisa Sili o Pulega mo le Matāgaluega o Fa'ato'aga ma Faigāfaiva. Ua tofiga fo'i le afioga iā Tuitoga Christina Angela Te'o Faitele, e avea ma Tausi Mavaega mo le Ofisa o Tausi Mavaega a Samoa.

"O nei tofiga e ta'i tolu tausaga ma toe iloilo, e tusa ai ma aiaiga o avanoa faigaluega fa'akonekarate a le Malo.

"E fa'amauna le agaga fa'afetai i Komiti sa fitātuga i le iloiloina o talosaga a i latou sa tusi talosaga i nei avanoa.

"Mo i latou ua tofiga nei, ia manuia le alo atu i o outou tofiga fou, saga'i ane ai o le lagū auā le tautua mo Samoa."

Afea fa'alua e le Crown Princess laufanua o Samoa

Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasi

O le asō lea e taula ai i le Uafu Fa'avāomālō a Samoa i Matātu le va'a la'upasese o le Crown Princess mo le taimi lona lua.

O Novema 2022 sa āsia ai fo'i e lea va'a la'upasese laufanua o Samoa, ina ua fa'atoā tatala ai o tatou tuāoi fa'avāomālō mo femalaga'iga ona o le Koviti – 19.

E 3,697 tagata o lo'o malaga mai lea meli tele, e aofia ai le pasese e 2,496 ma le aufaigaluega e 1,201.

I le pepa o fa'amatalaga mai le Kamupanī o le B.B.E. o lo'o faipa'aga ma lea va'a la'upasese, o lo'o manino ai o lea aumalaga, e malaga mai atunu'u 'ese'ese e 39 o le lalolagi.

O Master Tony Ruggero o lo'o fa'afoea mai lea meli tele, ma o Samoa lea ua o'o mai i ai talu ona amata mai ana faigāmalaga mai Kanata i le masina o Setema 2022.

O lo'o tapena le Pulega o Tagata Tafafao Maimoa mai Fafo (S.T.A.), e faia a latou fa'afiafiaga masani fa'aSamoa moni i luga o le uafu fa'avāomālō i Matā'utu ae o lo'o tapenaina fo'i e le Pulega o Uafu ma Taulaga (S.P.A.) maketi lä'i mo oloa Samoa e fa'atau atu mo le pasese o lea meli tele.

O Amerika Samoa lea sa afea e le Crown



Taunu'u mai Samoa mo le taimi lona lua le meli tele o le Crown Princess (Ata Pu'eina: StephanKogelman / Shutterstock).

Princess a'o le'i o'o mai i Samoa, ma le fa'amoemoe e tu'ua Samoa i le afiafi nei ae aga'i atu mo Papeete, French Polynesia.

Na fa'afetaia e le Pulega ma le aufaigaluega o le Kamupanī o le B.B.E. le Pulega o Tagata Tafafao Maimoa mai Fafo (S.T.A.), ona o le latou

lagolagosua i le latou Kamupanī o lo'o faipa'aga ma ia Kamupanī va'a mai atunu'u i fafo.

\$16 miliona ua fa'aalu mo ma'i e togafiti i fafo



Falema'i Tutotonu a le atunu'u i Moto'otua, Upolu (Ata Pu'eina: Savali Newspaper).

Tusia: Tusiga Taofiga

Ua fa'amaonia e le Kapaneta le fa'aopoopo o le isi \$5 miliona, mo le fa'atupeināa o le Polokalame mo le auina atu o gasegase mo togafitiga i fafo, mo masina o totoe o lenei tausaga fa'aletupe.

Fa'ailoa e le afioga i le Sui Palemia, iā Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio, i lana saunoaga fa'apitoa i le fa'ai'uga o le vaiaso ua mavae e fa'apea;

"A fua i vaegātupe ua fa'amatu'u atu e le Mālō mo lenei polokalame, ua \$16 miliona i lenei tausaga fa'aletupe. O se vaegātupe tele.

"O lea, ua fa'atulaga ai e le Mālō ni fuafuaga fou, e fetu'una'i ai lenei polokalame ma vaegātupe fa'aalu, mo le aga'i atu i le lumana'i. O lo'o galulue fa'atasi ai nei le afioga i le Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o le Soifua Mālōlōina ma le afioga i le Minisitā o

le Matāgaluega o Tupe fa'atasi ai ma ā la Matāgaluega.

"Ma o lo'o fa'agasolo pea le auaunaga a le Mālō mo le auina atu o gasegase mo togafitiga i fafo.

"O le taimi nei, na'o Niu Sila o lo'o auina atu i ai a tatou gasegase mo togafitiga e le'o mafai ona fa'atinoa i Samoa nei.

"I le vaiaso ua te'a, e 11 gasegase na fa'amaonia le auina atu mo togafitiga i Niu Sila. O le tele o nei gasegase, o lo'o a'afia i gasegase faigatā e i ai le fatu, kanesa ma isi fa'ama'i tugā.

"E pei ona saunoa le afioga i le Palemia iā Novema o le tausaga na te'a nei, e le'o fa'aititia le a'afia o le atunu'u i fa'ama'i ogaoga e lē pepesi. Ma o le tulaga tonu lenā o lo'o maitauina pea e le Kapaneta i vaiaso ta'itasi. Peita'i o le tele o nei fa'ama'i, e afua mai i le ituāiga soifuaga ua o tatou soifua ai nei, ma taumafa o lo'o taumamafa ai le atunu'u.

"Ua maitauina fo'i, ua fa'asolo ina talavou le soifua o i latou ua

a'afia i nei fa'ama'i ogaoga. O se vala faigatā lea mo se atunu'u laititi e pei o Samoa ma le taumafaiga o lona atina'e mo nei ma le lumana'i.

O le 'upu moni, e fa'alagolago le lumana'i o le atunu'u i ona tupulaga fai a'e, auā le fa'aauauina o ā tatou galuega o lo'o fa'atinoi nei. Peita'i, afai e ponatia tupulaga talavou i gasegase ogaoga i lo latou soifuaga mu'amu'a, o le a fai ma fa'afitaui fou ga'i latou i le lumana'i.

"O le puipuiga o le atunu'u mai nei fa'ama'i, o se matāfaioi faifa'atasi a le atunu'u atoa. E lalago fa'atasi ai fuafuaga a le Mālō, e tauala atu i le Matāgaluega o le Soifua Mālōlōina, ma le Pulega Mamalu a Ali'i ma Faipule, Komiti a Tinā, Faletua ma Tausi, Sa'oao ma Augafa'apae. Aea le fesoasoani a Fa'alapototoga Tumā'oti, Ekalesia ma 'Āoga.

"O le mau tau'ave fa'alesoifua mālōlōina, e sili le puipuia, nai lo le tau togafitia. O le agaga lea o le tatou Mālō."

Soālaupule ma fefa'asoaa'i tomai fa'a-Fa'amino

Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasi

O le galulue fa'atasi ma le fefa'asoaa'i o tomai ma agava'a fa'a-Fa'amino, o se itu lelei lea o lo'o taula'i ai le feiloāiga i le va o le Fa'amino Fa'aitumālō a Niu Sila ma le Fa'amino a Samoa.

O le talimālō ai o Samoa i le aumalaga o Fa'amino o le Fa'amino Fa'aitumālō a Niu Sila, o se itu lelei lea, mo le galuega faifaipea a Fa'amino Samoa ma Niu Sila e ala i le fetu'unāiga o le aganu'u ma Tulafono o lo'o fa'afaoe ai auaunaga a le Fa'amino.

I le taunu'u mai ai fanua o lea aumalaga, na pati ai le 'ava o le feiloāiga, e fa'afeiloa'i ma fa'atulima ai i le to'ai taunu'u mai ai i fanua o Fa'amino o le Fa'amino Fa'aitumālō a lea Mālō.

I le fa'atalanoaga a le Savali ma le afioga i le Ofisa Sili o Pulega o le Matāgaluega o Fa'amino ma Matā'upu Tau Fa'amino iā Papāli'i John Taimalelagi Afelē, sa ia fa'ailoa manino ai le aotelega o lenei fa'atasiga;

"O le tāua o le fonotaga lea, a sa'o la'u mātau, o le ulu'i fonotaga lea i le va o le fa'amino a Samoa ma le fa'amino a Niu Sila, e le toe tau fa'ailoa le tatou so'otaga ma Niu Sila, aemaise pe a silasila i Tulafono o lo'o fa'aāoga e Fa'amino a Niu Sila ma Tulafono o lo'o fa'aāoga e Fa'amino a Samoa, e tai tutusa lava Tulafono.

"A'o le 'auga ma le fa'amoemoe o le fonotaga, e fa'asoai lagona ma manatu i le fa'atinoga le galuega fa'a-Fa'amino.

"E lē gata o le fa'atinoga o iloiloga ma le faiga o ā latou fa'ai'uga aemaise lava i le taumafai e aumai tu ma aganu'u.

"E pei ona outou silafia, a tatou o i Niu Sila, e i ai tu ma aga fa'aMaori, e i ai fo'i le aganu'u fa'amaori, ae a tatou omai i Samoa, e i ai le tatou tu ma le tatou fo'i aganu'u.



"O le tāua, e fa'asoai mai Fa'amino o le Fa'amino a Niu Sila, pe fa'apefia ona latou fa'aāogaina tu ma aga fa'amaori i le fa'atinoga o le latou galuega fa'a-Fa'amino, aemaise i le fa'atinoina o fa'ai'uga.

"Mo se fa'ata'ita'iga, o le tatou fa'amino a Samoa nei, e lē natia o lea ua tatou fa'aāoga le tatou tu ma le aganu'u i totolu o le tatou Fa'amino Mauāluga ma le Fa'amino Fa'aitumālō a Samoa, aemaise lava taimi e fa'atino ai fa'ai'uga.

"Manatua fo'i, a i ai se matā'upu e fa'ato'ai atu i le Fa'amino, mo le fa'ata'ita'iga o le fasioti tagata (tulou), e āoga le ifoga ma aga ia fa'aSamoa e tau tu'uitiitia ai le fa'asalaga e

tu'uina mai.

"O le tulaga lenā, e fia fa'alologogo fo'i le Fa'amino a Niu Sila i le fa'asoai atu a le Fa'amino a Samoa i le latou amanaia o tu ma aganu'u a Samoa i le fa'atinoga o ana fa'ai'uga.

"E fa'asoai mai ai fo'i le fa'amino a Niu Sila i le latou fa'aāogaina o tu ma aga a Aotearoa i Niu Sila po'o tu fo'i ma aganu'u a tagata Maori i le faiga o ā latou fa'ai'uga.

"E pei lava o feso'otaiga ia o finagalo ma manatu e toe poupou ai le galuega auā le aga'i i le lumana'i.

"O le isi vaega e taua ai lea fonotaga, e sa'ilii mai ai fo'i e Niu Sila po'o a ni tulaga e

fesoasoani mai ai le Fa'amino a Niu Sila i le Fa'amino a Samoa.

"E tele ma anoanoa'i vaega e manana'o ai le Fa'amino, peita'i ane e fua fo'i i le fa'asoai a le tatou Mālō, i le mea e 'ave ai le fa'amuamua e fa'atupe ai manaoga o le Fa'amino.

"E i ai fo'i vaega e mo'omia e le Fa'amino, ae fua lava i le fa'asoai, o le tāua lea o le malaga mai o le Fa'amino a Niu Sila, 'ave ai se tatou talosaga, o nai mea ia e mana'omia e le Fa'amino a Samoa pe mafai ona outou fesoasoani mai.

"O lea fonotaga o lo'o fa'atupe e le Mālō o Niu Sila fa'atasi ai ma le fesoasoani a le Mālō o Samoa."

O le a le tāua o le Ifoga i le Fa'amino?

Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasi

O le 'Ifoga' o le olataga lea o se ua sala, ona o se soligātulafono matuiā ua faia i le va ma se isi tagata, 'āiga po'o le nu'u fo'i.

O le fa'atino ai e le nu'u o Vaimoso o lea tu ma agaifanua a Samoa, ona o le talosaga a le Matāgaluega o Fa'amino ma Matā'upu tau Fa'amino, auā le maimoa silasila a le pāia i Fa'amino o le Fa'amino Fa'aitumālō mai Niu Sila, i le tulaga o lo'o fa'aāoga ai e le Fa'amino a Samoa lea tu ma agaifanua i taimi o fa'ai'uga fai i se matā'upu.

O lea fa'amoemoe sa faia i le malae a Vaimoso, sa auai ai le pāia o le afio'aga fa'apea le aumalaga o le Fa'amino Fa'aitumālō a Niu Sila ma le Fa'amino a Samoa, e molimauina i le fa'atinoga o lea agaifua moni fa'aSamoa mai anamua, ua ta'ua o le 'Ifoga'.

E le'i fa'apa'ole le fa'atinoga e Vaimoso o lea fa'amoemoe, e pei ona molimauina i felafolafoā'iga a to'oto'o o 'āiga e afua ai ona fa'atino le Ifoga, ona o se solitulafono matuiā sa fa'atino.

I le mae'a o lea Ifoga, sa feiloa'i ai le Savali ma le Fa'amino Sili o le Fa'amino Fa'aitumālō a Niu Sila, le susuga iā Heemi Taumaunu, i sona finagalo e tusa ma le fa'atinoga o le Ifoga ma lona tāua i le soifuaga o tagata Samoa.

Na momoli ai lana fa'afetai fa'apitoa i le pāia o le afio'aga o Vaimoso ona o le fa'atinoga o lea tu ma agaifanua a Samoa.

Saunoa Heemi, ua avea lona molimauina o lea tu ma aga a Samoa, ua ia iloa ai, e tāua tele ia Samoa o ana tu ma ana aga Fa'aSamoa.

"Ua matou va'ava'i i le fa'atinoga o le Ifoga, a toe taliu le faigāmalaga i Niu Sila, o le a matou fo'i ma 'ave vaega tāua o lea aganu'u, matou te tilotilo ma iloilo, ina ia mafai ona matou fa'aāoga i Fa'amino i totolu o Aotearoa."

As na fa'ailoa le finagalo o le Fa'amino Sili o le Fa'amino Mauāluga a Samoa iā Sātiu Simatava Perese i le feiloāiga ma le Savali e fa'apea, o se vaega tāua tele lea o le tu ma aga a Samoa



Fa'atinoina o le Ifoga.

mo nai o tatou tagata o lo'o nonofo i Niu Sila.

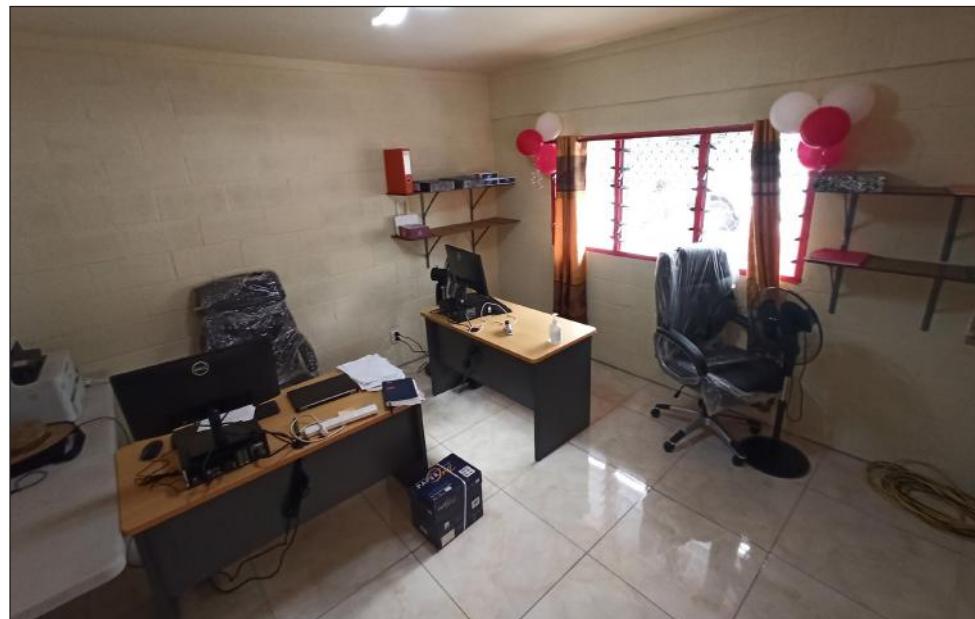
"Afaia ae tula'i mai se fa'afitaui o se tagatanu'u a Samoa e a'afia i se soligātulafono matuiā i totolu o Niu Sila, o le Ifoga lea sa molimauina nei e Fa'amino Niu Sila, atonu o le a silasila i ai ma ono maua ai se fa'amāmā 'avega o se fa'asalaga e tu'u atu i lea tagata ua molia.

"Manatua fo'i e tele itū'āiga moliaga e ono molia ai se tagata pe a solitulafono i totolu o Niu Sila, ma a fa'atino lelei se Ifoga, ou te iloa e taumafai fo'i Fa'amino e fa'aitiitia ni fa'asalaga mo

se isi e a'afia pe afai e talafeagai.

"Atonu fo'i e maua ai sina malamalamā'aga, pe aisea na mafua ai lea fa'afitaui i lea tagata, auā o le naunauta'iga lava ia, ina ia maua lo latou agava'a e malamalamā'aga ai i o tatou tagata, ona o lo'o feagai pea ma le to'atele o tagata Samoa o lo'o aumau i Niu Sila."

O le asō, lea o le a tu'ua ai e Fa'amino o le Fa'amino Fa'aitumālō a Niu Sila ma lana aumalaga le atunu'u ae toe taliu atu i Aotearoa.



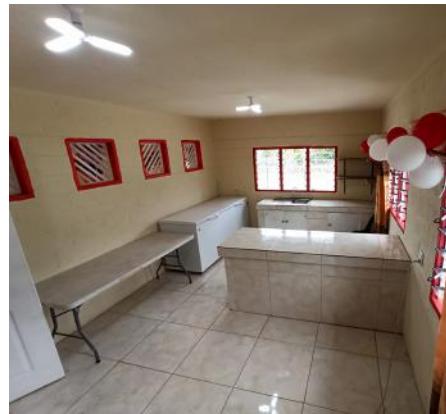
Tatala aloāia le Ofisa Fono Fa'avae mo Salega #2

Ua mae'a fausia ma ua umusāina le Ofisa Autū o le Fono Fa'avae mo le Itumālō Palota o Salega #2, o le ogā-totonu-gā-lēmū lea, e soālaupule ma fa'ata'oto uma ai fuafuaga mamao a Salega #2 auā le Polōketi \$1 miliona mo le manuia lautele o afio'aga ta'itasi o le Itumālō mo le aga'i atu i le lumana'i.

O lea fa'amoemoe o le Mālō, na auai ai afioga i Minisitā o le Kapaneta,

o le Faipule o le Itumālō iā 'Olo Afoa Fiti Va'ai, o Faipule o le Palemene, Fa'auluuluga o nisi o Matāgaluega ma Fa'alapotopotoga Tumā'oti a le Mālō aemaise o le pāia o le Itumālō.

Pu'e Ata: Marc Membrere



Mau pea Salega #2 i taumafa

Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasī

O le manulautī a le Mālō ina ia mau le atunu'u i taumafa. ina ia 'aua ai ne'i toe fa'alagolago i taumafa auina mai atunu'u i fafo.

Na molimaunia le lolofi atu o le aufaifa'ato'aga, aufailafumanu ma le aufaifaiva e fa'aali fua o fa'a'ele'eleaga aemaise o oa o le gataifale ma mea fafaga i le Ulua'i Seleselega a lo latou Itumālō o Salega #2.

I le saunoaga autū a le afioga i le Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o Fa'ato'aga ma Faigāfaiva ia La'auli Leuatea Polāta'ivao Fosi, sa ia toe fa'amanatu ai i le Itumālō, le tāua o le toe fo'i e gagau le vao ma toe galueā'ina laufanua ina ia mau pea le Itumālō i taumafa auā aso leaga.

"O le manulautī a le Matāgaluega o Fa'ato'aga ma Faigāfaiva, ia mau le atunu'u i taumafa.

"Aua ne'i tatou ola fa'alagolago i meaai mai fafo.

"Aua ne'i tatou toe fa'alagolago i alaisa ma falaoamata mai fafo.

"Ae ia tatou toe fo'i i le mea sa omai ai tatou mātua, o le a?

"Gagau le vao, ma tatou tua i le vao ola e pei ona maua i ō tatou lima.

"O lea ua tatou va'ai nei i le suiga o le tau, a si'i le tau o le penisini ma le suā'u, si'i le tau o va'a, si'i le tau o oloa o lo'o tatou taumamafa mai ai i atunu'u i fafo, ona amo loa lea e tatou le pologa.

"O le ala lea o le tātālogo atu o le tatou Malo, Salega #2 o le tatou tamāo'āiga ma lo tatou manuia o lo'o i o tatou lava 'ele'ele.

"O le matou tu'uālalo, o le manuia o lo'o i o outou lava 'āao, a'o le fa'amalosi'au i le tofi o le Itumālō, le \$1 miliona o le polōketi mo atina'e, ina ia 60% - 90% o lea seleni, ia alu i le aufaifa'ato'aga, le aufaifaiva ma le aufailafumanu.

"Auā fo'i o atina'e ia o lo'o lava ai meaai ma maua ai le tamāo'āiga o le atunu'u.

"O le fa'amalosi'au mo le aufailafumanu, ina ia fafaga lafumoа, fafaga povи, fafaga mamoe, auā na'o le pau lava lea o le mea e tua i ai oe, lou 'āiga ma le atunu'u.

Na tu'uālalo fo'i le afioga i le Minisitā i le tulaga o le so'ona fa'aāoga o manu papālagi i fa'alavelave fai o 'āiga.

"O le tu'uālalo mo le aufailafumanu, 'aua le so'ona fa'alaloina povи i fa'alavelave, ae ia fa'aāoga tupe, ae se'i tau fa'atupu tele le numera o ā tatou manu papālagi."

Na momoli le agaga fa'afetai o nisi o le aufaifa'ato'aga, ona ua mafai ona maua le avanoa e ala i le Ulua'i Seleselega ua fa'atauaia i totonu o le Itumālō, e fa'aāli ai a latou galuega o lo'o feagai ma i latou i le tausiga o 'āiga, nu'u ma ekalesia, aemaise o le atina'eina o le tamāo'āiga o le atunu'u.

