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The National University of Samoa

PRESS RELEASE

N.Z Minister of Foreign Affairs visits NUS

Apia, Samoa – 20th April, 2023.

The National University of Samoa (NUS) was visited today by the New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs - Honourable Nanaia Mahuta - and her delegation. The purpose of her visit was to sight some of the facilities that will be used in the delivery of the Bachelor of Health Science programme, which is funded by the Government of New Zealand.

The Bachelor of Health Science (BHSc) programme aims to address a critical staff shortage in Allied Health professionals within Samoa's Health Sector. The National University of Samoa together with the Ministry of Health are collaborating in this important Human Resource development project for Samoa. The Bachelor of Health Science programme is set to be launched in February 2024.

During her visit, the Hon. Nanaia Mahuta was given a brief tour of the Science Labs where the BHSc practicals and classes will be held.

The NUS Vice Chancellor - Associate Professor Tuifuisa'a Patila Amosa welcomed the Hon. Nanaia Mahuta and her delegation before a brief presentation on the progress of the BHSc programme to date. Hon. Nanaia Mahuta then gave her brief remarks and exchanged gifts with our NUS Vice Chancellor to mark her visit to the University.

Our NUS Vice Chancellor – Associate Professor Tuifuisa'a stated that *“The National University of Samoa is grateful to the Hon. Nanaia Mahuta for visiting the National University of Samoa for the first time. The visit while brief is both significant as it reflects the NZ Government's commitment to Samoa's Health sector priority needs and symbolic in that it strengthens its Treaty of Friendship relations with Samoa at all levels of government.”*



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Group Photo: Minister of Foreign Affairs - Hon. Nanaia Mahuta and her Delegation including the NZ High Commissioner – HE. Dr. Trevor Matheson with NUS Vice Chancellor – Associate Professor Tuifuisa’a Patila Malua Aмоса & DVC Academic & TVET – Peseta Su’a Desmond Mene Lee Hang & NUS Staff

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