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Food Safety Courses are taught to prisoners under SPPCS' Memorandum of Agreement with APTC.

Under the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Samoa Police, Prisons and Corrections Services (SPPCS) and the Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC), an important milestone was achieved on Monday. SPPCS successfully launched its first-ever Food Safety course at Tanumalala Prison.

Out of the twenty inmates who were eligible, thirteen were able to commence the one-week course. These inmates had fulfilled all the necessary enrollment criteria, which included passing the Language, Literacy, and Numeracy (LLN) test.

The commencement of the Food Safety course marks a significant step forward in providing valuable skills and knowledge to the inmates. This initiative not only contributes to their personal development but also enhances their potential for successful reintegration into society upon their release.

Similarly, the MOA between SPPCS and APTC also allowed for the implementation of the first-ever Construction course which took place from the 22nd to the 29th of May of this year

The collaboration between SPPCS and APTC demonstrates a commitment to enhancing the rehabilitation and reintegration efforts for inmates. By offering these educational and vocational courses, SPPCS aims to equip inmates with the necessary tools to lead productive lives upon their release.

This MOA signifies a positive partnership between SPPCS and APTC, highlighting their shared vision of empowering individuals within the prison system. It is a testament to the dedication and innovation of both organizations in providing opportunities for growth and development to those in their care.

Through initiatives like the Food Safety and Construction courses, SPPCS and APTC are making a tangible difference in the lives of inmates, paving the way for a brighter future.

Inmates participating in the training session will receive their awards in the special ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, 27th September 2023 at Tanumalala prison. Members of the management of SPPCS and APTC, as well as selected family members of inmates graduating, are expected to attend.

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