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Honorable Lemanu Advocating and Building Partnerships

As stated in PR001-01122023, the following are accounts of the Honorable Lemanu in his effort in leading the charge to advocate for the future of the Pacific, build partnerships, and engage American Samoa at the regional and national level.

Church service in Hilo

On Sunday, January 15, 2023, the Honorable Governor Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga, First Lady Ella Mauga and several officials of the American Samoa Government attended the Congressional Christian Church with several Samoan students from the University of Hawai'i - Hilo. The service was conducted by Rev. Sitau Ofoia and following the service, a luncheon hosted by Governor Lemanu for the sons and daughters of Samoa furthering their educational endeavors. Here, Governor Lemanu had the opportunity to personally engage in conversations with the future leaders of American Samoa.



Advocating for the future of the Pacific

On Tuesday, January 17th, Governor Lemanu met with East West Center President Suzanne Vares-Lum and members of the Pacific Island Development Program. Key issues that were discussed include educational studies, vocational training, scholarships as well as providing the resources and opportunities to better equip our posterity. The meeting was followed by a luncheon and an exchange of gifts by both parties. The American Samoa Government continues to support and foster relations with Leaders of the Pacific mutually engaged in securing the future of the Pacific people.



Partnership in the Pacific

Honorable Lemanu, along with members of his delegation, also met with Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Director General Richard Lin at the Saofaiga O Ali'i conference room. Issues that were discussed included fisheries, scholarship opportunities for Pacific Island countries, policies and Agricultural economic development. The conclusion of the meeting included appreciation gifts and expressions of gratitude for commitment to building a stronger relationship between American Samoa and Taiwan.



On Wednesday, January 18th, Governor Lemanu met with the Honorable Mayor Mitch Roth to discuss ways to collaborate in helping our Samoan people who reside in Hawaii. Seeking Mayor Roth's assistance with the American Samoa's Heritage week scheduled for the summer.



Polynesian Bowl and Polynesia Bowl Hall of Fame

On Wednesday, January 18th, Governor Lemanu and members of ASG were greeted by Jesse Sapolu and officials of the Polynesian Bowl, and on Saturday, January 21st, Honorable Lemanu attended the Hall of Fame reception where they honored Polynesia's greatest football players, coaches and contributors.



On Thursday, January 19th, ASG hosted a meet and greet with students of Samoan descent attending the University of Hawai'i - Manoa and Chaminade University of Honolulu, where Chief of Staff Loa Tuimavave T. Laupola delivered the special remarks. Key topics discussed were the expansion of the ASG Scholarship and programs currently made available to them. The meeting took place at the Hale Hoaloha building at Chaminade University.



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