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Governor Lemanu and Delegation Arrive in Samoa for 61st Independence Celebration



[PICTORIAL]: Honorable Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga departed American Samoa on Monday, May 29, 2023, upon the invitation of Honorable Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mataafa, to join in the Celebration of the 61st anniversary of Samoa’s Independence. Governor Lemanu was welcomed by Honorable Toelupe Poumulinuku Onesemo, Minister of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT), and Peseta Noumea Simi, Chief Executive Officer Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

Following the arrival, Governor Lemanu and his delegation were received at the Orator Hotel for a luncheon hosted by Faletua Sina Apineru Hunt and family. The American Samoa delegation also includes Chief of Staff Loa Tuimavave Tauapai Laupola, Attorney General Fainuulelei Falefatu Alailima-Utu, Governor's Chaplain Reverend Mageo Patolo Mageo, and Deputy Secretary of Samoan Affairs Tauese Va'a Sunia.

There are two major events that will begin on May 31st, 2023: The closing ceremony of the 60th Independence celebration to end the year-long commemoration that began on June 1st, 2022; and the Opening of the 61st Independence celebration festivities on June 1st, 2023.

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