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Fifth Atoa o Samoa Executive Meeting



On May 8, 2024, the Fifth Atoa o Samoa Executive meeting officially opened at the American Samoa Community college multipurpose center. The Meeting was attended by the Governor of American Samoa, Honorable Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga and the Prime Minister of the Independent State of Samoa, Honorable Fiame Naomi Mata'afa and their respective delegations. Chief of Staff Loa Tauapa'i Laupola led the proceedings, extending a warm welcome to all Atoa o Samoa members. Reverend Elder Eleasalo Fa'ata'a of the Ekalesia Faapotopotoga Kerisiano i Amerika Samoa in Petesa Tai delivered the opening prayer and offered spiritual thoughts on the importance of focusing on those who benefit from the dreams pursued.

Governor Lemanu had the opportunity to deliver his remarks extending a warm welcome to the esteemed Prime Minister and her delegation. He expressed gratitude to the sector leaders for their dedicated efforts in advancing these meetings. Emphasizing the importance of collaboration, he urged the assembled leaders to evaluate how the outcomes of their discussions would benefit both American Samoa and Samoa.

The Prime Minister, in her special remarks, echoed Governor Lemanu's sentiments and supported his guidance. She reiterated the significance of dreams, considering them as divine revelations for humanity. Expressing gratitude, she emphasized the importance of assessing both challenges and successes in the outcomes, urging realistic targets for the benefit of both Samoas. The Atoa o Samoa meetings embraced the concept of partnership to strengthen cultural and social bonds between the two nations.

Following the Governor and Prime Minister's remarks, the meeting commenced with sector presentations.

The sectors that presented included Environment & Climate Change, Infrastructure & Transportation, Telecommunications, Health, Education, Economy, Agriculture & Fisheries, Immigration, Border Security, Customs, and Social development- Women & Youth. Each sector's representatives reviewed their anticipated outcomes from the previous Atoa o Samoa meeting and offered updates on ongoing projects and completed initiatives. A comprehensive report detailing the Fifth Atoa o Samoa outcomes will be made available following the signing ceremony on May 9, 2024.

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