



FAREWELL TU'U'U DR. IETI TAULE'ALO



To improve our Monthly Newsletter contributions from staff & stakeholders are welcomed



A tribute to a decade of leadership...

Since April 1999, Tu'u'u was appointed as the Director of the Department of Lands, Survey & Environment. From then on he worked diligently to restructure the Department and re-align its services not only to support priorities of the Government but also on the sustainable management of natural resources and environment.

He guided the staff in carrying out the programmes of the Department to achieve its vision and mission. He believed in the professional development of staff and instigated activities to strengthen their skills and knowledge in ensuring there was commitment and team work from the staff and partners in delivering its services for the people of Samoa and its environment.

From a small technical department (3 divisions), Tu'u'u excelled in his vision and commitment as the CEO by turning it into a fully operational Ministry (11 divisions - thereafter called Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment). His remarkable services ended in September 2009 marking a decade of outstanding leadership as the CEO of the Ministry and 33 years as a public servant for the Government of Samoa. He will always be remembered by all staff of the then DLSE and the now MNRE as a kind, fair and down to earth boss.



Launching night of Mana the Manumea at Tuanaimato - SPG 2007



M.O.U signing with Dr. Claude Gascon of CI - March 2008



Tree Planting at Mulinuu for World Environment Day - June 2007



Signing JICA granting aid upgrading meteorological observations network - August 2009



Opening of the Tafaigata Landfill - 2006

OUT & ABOUT.....



Young Environmentalists Star Award - 2008



Opening of the Information Centre at O le Pupu-P'u National Park - Togiaga - 2009



Tsunami Drill - 2007



Ministry's Corporate Review - 2009



Avian flu presentation / Environment Week - 2006

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Young Environmentalists Star Award - 2008



O le Pupu-P'u National Parks - 2008



...a smile with the MNRE Clan



MORE.....



Corporate Services Farewell Party to Mapulesua Hawley Auvaa - 2006



UNDP Project review with Ms. Joyce Yu (UNDP-RR) - 2004



Launching of National Parks & Reserves with JICA project



Launching of the UNCCD-NAP - 2006



Avian flu group discussions



Climate Change Summit - 2009



Environment Week Forum Tafo Faale Tumaalii - 2008



Environmental Noise Training (ICT) - 2009



Young Environmentalists Star Award - 2007



Regional Ozone officers PIC meeting - 2009



Land Management Awareness Day - 2006

HISTORY PROFILE.....

2nd December 1974 - Scholarship student from Canterbury University employed on temporary basis at Public Works Department

30th August 1976 - Employed full-time after graduate studies for Bachelor Engineering (Civil) as an Assistant Engineer Water Section (PWD)

19th January 1978 - Acting Building Construction Engineer-In-Charge of management & administration of the Building Division

1st January 1984 - Appointed as Chief Engineer Building (PWD)

22nd March 1985 - Appointed as Deputy Director of Public Works

16th November 1987 - Appointed as Director of Post & Telecommunications Department



28th February 1989 - Leave for Post-Graduate study towards Master of Urban & Regional Planning

1st January 1990 - Returned from studies with a Master of Urban & Regional Planning, Re-employed as an Executive Director in the Public Works Department

12th February 1991 - Appointed as an Executive Planner for Public Works



22nd March 1993 - Leave for doctorate studies (PhD) in Sydney University for 4 years

24th March 1997 - Returned from studies with a Doctor of Philosophy and re-employed as an Executive Planner at Public Works Department

4th October 1997 - Appointed as a Coordinator Consultant for Public Works Department

1st July 1998 - Appointed as Planning & Management Consultant PWD

8th June 1999 - Appointed as Director of Lands, Surveys & Environment Department (now MNRE -CEO)



21 September 2009 (10 consecutive years term)



The MNRE Management....



Front Row L-R: Patea Setefano (ACEO-Land Management), Mataia Uaine Silailai (ACEO-Renewable Energy), Tu'u'u Dr. Ieti Taule'alo (CEO), Faleafaga Toni Tipamaa (ACEO-Environment & Conservation), Sala Josephine Stowers-Fiu (ACEO-Legal Consultant)
 Back Row L-R: Steve Brown (GEF Consultant), Tagaloa Jude Kohliase (ACEO-PUMA), Taupau Maturu Paniani (ACEO-Forestry), Safuta Toelau Iulio (ACEO-Technical), Elisaia Talouli (ACEO-Corporate Services), Suluimato Amataga Penaia (ACEO-Water Resources)
 Inset: Muliipola Ausetalia Titimaea (ACEO-Meteorology)



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MORE....



Land Awareness Day - 2006



With JICA representatives at the Tafaigata Landfill - 2006



Pacific Tsunami Meeting - 2009



Environment Week - 2007



Pacific Tsunami Meeting - 2009



Young Environmentalists Stars - 2008



Environment Forum - 2009



Environment Week - 2007



MORE....



Environment Forum - 2006



Climate Change Summit - 2009

A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LEADER OF IMMENSE INTELLECT AND INTEGRITY

Tofa Tuuu Dr. Ieti Taulealo

He was Greatly Admired:

1999 is the year I vividly remember
 A tall, white haired and fairly bearded man
 Entered the overlooked and negligible state
 Of the then Department of Lands, Surveys and Environment
 (DLSE)
 The institution at the time looked stagnant, cheerless and
 dreary
 The scene of the department looked neither promising nor
 cheery
 Then arrived a man on the scene
 With an integral vision in mind
 A purpose driven passion
 Accompanied a big lion heart
 To effect positive, miraculous changes
 From scratch, he revived the hope of a dying spirit
 Revolutionized the casual state of the status quo
 Rebuilt and redirected her destiny
 Over years, he developed and molded the situation
 Into a marvelous and remarkable solution
 Gradually came to pass
 The full-fledged colossal establishment
 Of renowned prominence today
 To the envy and marvel of the bystanders
 Let alone the diversity of stakeholders
 At local, national and international

You did well your call
 A job superbly done
 You lifted skyward
 The face of the downtrodden
 The least envy of departments
 To a monumental achievement of all times
 Now comes 2009
 Stand tallest and proud
 The renowned Ministry of Natural Resources and
 Environment (MNRE)
 The reformed Establishment you built from a vision
 Then expanded from one or two units to eleven Divisions
 Not to mention increasing number of national, regional and
 international environmental projects
 The by-products of your diligent effort to make Samoa a
 signatory to all MEAs
 And since, Samoa became known the leading SID at the
 forefront of environmental concerns
 Well ahead and advance of all other small island nations of
 the Pacific
 In all, makes MNRE the superpower as they had joked and
 envied
 And alluded to by some, the Ministry of Conventions (MEAs)
 Certainly they acknowledged and appraised
 Highly valued and commended your invaluable efforts
 And we congratulate the products of your own hands and
 sweat
 The landmark of your achievement
 Now our beacon of hope and pride
 For continuity and sustainability
 In days and years to come

We note our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude, Tuuu
 For your lasting legacy
 Of epic endeavors and heroic actions
 We highly applaud your efforts and unwavered commitment,
 You are indeed a product of immense intellect
 Which you put to productive use for our benefits
 Contributing immensely to the common good of our nation
 You are simply unprecedented and unrivalled
 Unparalleled and irreplaceable
 Unusual and uncommon
 In vitality, wisdom and strength you proved yourself
 unchallenged
 You soared the skies like an eagle
 A real blessing although disguised
 Even in circles of society
 But more so in the region as well as international

A real blessing although disguised
 But which we highly regard and recognize
 Even in circles of society
 But more so in the region as well as international
 In all, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR PRIDE
 For 10 memorable years of achievements after
 achievements after achievements!
 What a lasting legacy!

Alas, you are now called to exit and you have accepted
 With all integrity and humility of the heart
 You remain well composed and intact
 As individuals and as a Ministry we take our hats off in
 salute

We admire, we respect, we adore
 And we are deeply sore
 We all love you and we hail you a conqueror
 A champion of highest caliber
 The true hero of our time
 Who moved mountains
 Overcame valleys
 Allayed fears of the unknown
 While bearing fruits of tremendous efforts
 You tested waters with risky missions
 And birthed staggering dreams beyond one's
 imagination
 You've gone out of your way
 To fashion our professional lives
 And shown care in our personal fronts
 You've been demanding and forceful
 But cautious and jubilant with our successes
 We thank God for such an able man
 But you may say Praise the Lord
 "Ua na'o a'u o se auauna ma le le aoga"
 You've made us all so proud and walk tall headed as
 individuals
 And so should you, Tuuu
 Being the sole designer and builder of the Ministry
 Once DLSE now MNRE

In exit
 You've championed our hearts and sorrowed our souls
 You truly are some treasure
 A rare jewel for years to remember
 But God is good and we are truly grateful
 That He so blessed us with your presence, gifts and
 talents
 And us being parts and parcels of your assembly
 We are truly honored and highly esteemed
 To have served the country under your administration
 In return, we've been nurtured, equipped and matured
 over years
 Under your great leadership and wise counsel
 You are sorely missed
 Being our father, mentor and big time leader
 Allow us to say
 Sir, Tofa Tuuu Dr. Ieti Taulealo
 1999-2009

Malo le tau i le tautuaina o le Malo
 Talosia, ia pa'u se toa ae toe tulai mai seisi toa
 To GOD be all the GLORY, HONOR AND PRAISES!
 For truly He has been your source of drive,
 resourcefulness and wisdom to lead and build a people
 for His glory
 VIIA IESU I LOU OLAGA TAUTUA TUUU!!!

God richly bless you and family with His abundance and
 prosperity!

Jeremiah 29: 11 - "For I know the plans I have for you,
 declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm
 you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Ecclesiastes 7: 8 - "The end of a matter is better than
 its beginning..."

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