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## **Honorable Lemanu Meets with Various Leaders & Sons and Daughters of Samoa**

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On Tuesday, January 10, 2023, the Honorable Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga arrived safely in Honolulu, Hawaii before making his way to Washington, D.C. for the National Governors Association and the Interagency Group on Insular Areas meetings.

Governor Lemanu, during his time in Hawaii, is scheduled to meet with:

- Director General Richard Lin, Taiwan Consulate
- David Lassner, President of University of Hawaii
- Suzanne Vares-Lum, President of East-West Center
- Benjamin Reder, US Army Corps of Engineers
- Honorable Josh Green, Governor of Hawai’i
- Honorable Mitch Roth, Mayor of Hawai’i
- Jesse Sapolu, Co-Founder of the Polynesian Pro Football Hall of Fame
- Burt Trembly, Executive Director of the Tua Foundation
- Students of the University of Hawaii (Hilo and Oahu Campuses)
- Toa o Samoa, along with their families, stationed in Schofield, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Kaneohe Marine Base

Governor Lemanu, during his time of travel, is scheduled to meet with:

- Honorable Uifaatali Aumua Amata Radewagen, Congresswoman of American Samoa
- Chase-Ung Um, CEO and President of StarKist

Governor Lemanu also plans to meet Toa o Samoa and their families in Fort Bragg, North Carolina and several military bases within the Washington, D.C. area.

Governor remarked, “Being able to visit and meet our Samoan students and our Toa o Samoa and their families allows me the honor to personally thank each of them for their continued commitment to the success of American Samoa. Whether it is to further their educational endeavors to return home and be the next generation of passionate leaders, or to lay their lives to fight and protect our freedom. I commend them on representing our American Samoa well, and to ensure that the prayers of our people are always with them.”

He continued, “Opportunities as such allow us to strengthen cooperation to engage the territory in best practices with various leaders. It is this administration’s hope that the result of these meetings lays the foundation for the work ahead, and to continue to move our American Samoa forward. We have made strides in the last two years, however, there is much work to be done.”

Meeting details will be available at a later date.

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