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## Tafuna High School Celebrates the Opening of its New JROTC Building

**TAFUNA, American Samoa** - Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula joined the Department of Education, distinguished guests, and the Tafuna High School community to commemorate the official opening of the school's new JROTC facility. The ceremony, led by Principal Tutuila Togilau, opened with an invocation and a spiritual message delivered by President Jason Magalei of the Pago Mapusaga LDS Stake.

In his remarks, President Magalei highlighted the great pride felt across the community, especially among the JROTC cadets. He reflected on the program's journey since the 2023 groundbreaking, noting that despite the constraints of its current facilities, the Tafuna Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program has continued to represent American Samoa with distinction on national and international platforms. He concluded by expressing profound gratitude, attributing the project's successful completion to divine guidance.

Governor Pulaali'i then delivered the special remarks, acknowledging the collaborative efforts that brought the project to fruition. He recognized the foundational work initiated under the previous administration of Governor Lemanu and expressed appreciation for the continuity that allowed the project to advance.

The Governor commended the Tafuna High School JROTC program for its exemplary representation of our island territory and extended thanks to the faculty, staff, and parents for their commitment to student achievement. He also acknowledged the Department of Education, the Department of Public Works, and contractor Tevita Paea and TMP Masonry Construction for their essential roles in delivering the new facility.

Speaking on behalf of the construction company, Tevita Paea shared the significance of the \$1.7 million investment that made the project possible. He expressed gratitude to the government for its trust and emphasized the strong partnership maintained throughout the construction process. He added that it is always the service to our students that will foresee a great future for our community.



Department of Education Director Maefau Dr. Mary Taufete'e followed with remarks of appreciation, recognizing the dedication of government leadership, the contractor, and the school community. Director Taufete'e offered special thanks to Governor Pulaali'i and the administration's continued support of educational infrastructure. She also acknowledged the principal, staff, and PTA for their contributions and commended the contractor for their perseverance in completing the project.

The ceremony continued with the Department of Public Works Director Tilei's brief remarks and the presentation of the certificate of occupancy to Director Taufete'e. A dedicatory prayer was then offered by Mapusaga Stake President Jason Magalei to bless the new building. Governor Pulaali'i extended the invitation to a parent representative for the ceremonial ribbon cutting; PTA Vice President Lorena Seu performed the official ribbon cutting. The ceremony concluded with a guided tour of the newly completed facility.

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# TUSITUSIGA FA'ALAU'ITELE

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## Tatala Aloa'ia le Fale'aoga Fou a le Aoga Maualuga a Tafuna, o le Porokalama o le JROTC

**TAFUNA, Amerika Samoa** - Na auai atu le afioga i le ali'i Kovana ia Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula i le fa'amoemoe o le tatala aloa'ia o le fale'aoga fogāfalelua fou a le Ā'oga Maualuga i Tafuna, e patino i le vaega o le porokalama o le JROTC.

O le Susuga i le Peresitene o le Pago Stake ia, Jason Magalei, o le faiā'oga fo'i o le matā'upu tau fa'amalositino i Tafuna, na saunia nai upu fa'ala'e'iau mai le Tusi a Paulo i le Ekalesia i Tesalonia, ae na tualuga i le manulauti a le A'oga, ia finafinau i mea lelei, ma na ia saunia le tatalo amata e amatalia ai le fa'amoemoe.

O le Susuga le Pulea'oga ia Tutuila Togilau na tuvaoina le fa'amoemoe e fa'anofofilemu ma fa'afeiloa'i ai le mamalu ua aofia.

Sa auai atu le Fa'atonu o le Matāgaluega o Ā'oga, le Foma'i ia Mary Maefau Taufete'e, Fa'atonu o Galuega Lautele ia Punafo Tilei, o nisi o ta'ita'i o le Matāgaluega o Ā'oga, o le aufaigaluega ma nisi o faiā'oga, o fanau ā'oga, ma sui o le PTA e molimauina lenei fa'amoemoe lelei.

Saunoa le afioga le ali'i Kovana ia Pulaali'i e fa'afetaia le Kovana a'e mālō ia Lemanu, ona o lenei porōketi na amata mai i lana paea'iga, a o lenei ua tau lau o le fa'amoemoe ma tino mai lenei galuega. Na ia saunoa fo'i i le olaola lelei o le porokalama a le JROTC i totonu o le Ā'oga o Tafuna, aemaise lona a'afiaga ma lona sao i le soifua a'oa'oina o fanau mo le lumana'i. Sa momoli fo'i lana fa'amalo i le Fa'atonu o A'oga, ma le Fa'atonu o Galuega Lautele ma ō la Matāgaluega i le alolofa tula'i ma le tautua filigā auā alo ma fanau o le atunu'u.

Tanoa le fa'atonu o galuega lautele, e \$1,701,700 ma ona tupu le tau atoa o lenei galuega. Ma sa ia fa'afetaia le ali'i Kovana ma le Fa'atonu o Ā'oga mo le lavapapale ma le mau o le to'ovae, 'a 'o fa'agasolo fuafuaga uma. Sa ia tu'uina atu fo'i le tusi aloa'ia e fa'ailoga ai le saogalēmū ma le mae'a lelei o lenei fale mo lona fa'aaogaina.

Saunoa le afioga i le agaiotupu ia Tevita Paea e fa'afetai atu i le ali'i Kovana, Fa'atonu o A'oga, ma le Fa'atonu o Galuega Lautele mo le fa'atuatua o ana tufuga auā le fa'atinoina o lenei galuega, ma le galulue so'oso'otau'au. Sa ia fa'apea mai, "E faigofie le galuega, auā na faigofie, ona e aumai le tupe fa'aaoga sa'o i le galuega, ae lē 'o isi mea. Auā ana lē fa'aaoga sa'o, e lē māe'a."

Saunoa le Fa'atonu o A'oga e fa'afetaia le ali'i Kovana mo lona silasila i alo ma fanau o Amerika Samoa. Ae fa'apea le fa'afetai i le Fa'atonu o Matagaluega o Galuega Lautele, ma le Pulea'oga ma lona taupulega, ma le aufaigaluega. Sa ia tā'ua, "e le'i faigofie le galuega auā sa alualu taofi, auā na fa'atali mo se seleni mai le Mālō tele." Sa ia fa'afetaia fo'i le Fa'atonu ia Folasaitu Thomas ma le Matāgaluega o le ASTCA; mo le galulue so'ofa'atasi e sapaia le A'oga ma ona fuafuaga mo le 5 tausaga, e ala i 'au'aunaga tau tekonalosi. Aemaise le fa'afetai i le Major Galoiā mo le ta'ita'iina o le fanau a'oga i nei la'asaga maoa'e, auā le alualu i luma o fuafuaga fai o le porokalama o le JROTC i le A'oga i Tafuna.

Na saunia e le Susuga le Persitene ia Jason Magalei le tatalo fa'amanuia mo le fale fou, 'a 'o le Susuga i le Sui Perisitene o le PTA ia Lorena Seu na fai ma sui o mātua o le Laumua o le Toa e o'otiina le rīpine o le faleā'oga fou, auā lona fa'aaogāina aloa'ia. Ua se fale matagofie ma ua māe'a tāpena lona tino atoa, auā le fa'ataunu'uina o a'oa'oga a alo ma fanau i matāupu tau JROTC.

Sa maimoa le afioga le Kovana ma Susuga i Fa'atonu, ma ē uma sa auai i lenei fa'amoemoe mata'ina o le tatalaina aloa'ia o le falea'oga fou, ma ta'ape atu ai ma le agaga fa'agae'etia ma le fiafia tele, ina ua fa'ataunu'uina manuia lenei fa'amoemoe i le alofa o le Atua.

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