

MINISTRY OF WORKS, TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS BULLETIN



MWTI's involvement in the

World Water Day was celebrated in March of this year to help focus the world's attention on Water and Sanitation, in collaboration with this occasion, Samoa also celebrated the World Water Day on the 22nd March 2013 at Samoa Conference Center as an initiative led by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. It was an exciting event which brought together schools and different stake holders of the Water Sector to discuss the importance of Water and Water Conservation. It also allowed different Ministries and Organizations an opportunity to inform the general public on their roles in the Water and Sanitation Sector

WORLD WATER DAY 2013



The role Ministry of Works, Transport & Infrastructure plays in this respect is highly important in pursuing the public about issues such as appropriate construction of septic tanks in order to ensure 100% hygiene and in accordance with Samoa National Building Code 1992. Similarly, the Ministry in collaboration with other Implementing Agencies currently working to employ strategies in order to minimize flooding within Apia urban area.

Our Asset Management and Building Division is implicit in the Water and Sanitation Project in promoting awareness programs and media campaigns to enhance good sanitation standards



CIVIL AVIATION DIVISION

INTER ISLAND AIRWAYS SUSPENSION

On 11th January, 2013, the Civil Aviation Division commenced initial inspections for Inter Island Airways to confirm compliance with their Foreign Air Operator Certificate (FAOC) requirements for the purposes of re-issuing this Certificate. Taking into consideration that Samoa was just on the verge of recovering from Tropical Cyclone (TC) Evans, an extension of 1 month of the expiry date was recommended to the CEO/Secretary for Transport.

The recommendation was approved and an extension was given until 17th February 2013.

During this period the airline was informed of the required documents that were needed by the CAD to assess full compliance. Unfortunately, all efforts to attain the documents were unsuccessful. On the 14 February 2013, a letter was sent to notify the Airline that their air transport certificate was suspended until further notice due to non-compliance with their obligations under the Civil Aviation Rules.

On the 19th February 2013, after reviewing the documents submitted by Inter Island Airways, their FAOC was re-issued enabling the airline to resume air transport services.

SAMOA AVIATION INVESTMENT PLAN

The Samoa Aviation Investment Plan by the World Bank will hold a second round of talks on 19 March 2013 with the Ministry. This may provide an avenue for the MWTI-CAD to acquire funds for capacity building in terms of specialized training for inspectoral and technical staff, database capacity and expert advice on formulating, compiling and maintain a credible threat & risk assessment for Samoa's Aviation Industry.

04TH WORLD CIVIL AVIATION CHIEF EXECUTIVE FORUM

The ACEO Civil Aviation attended the 04th World Civil Aviation Chief Executive Forum in Singapore from 6-8th February 2013.

The Forum theme: **“Aviation's Future: Embracing Change, Strengthening Partnership”** drew leaders and experts in the international civil aviation community to discuss and debate on how the stakeholders can embrace change, strengthen partnership and work towards stronger international civil aviation in the future.

UNIVERSAL SECURITY AUDIT PROGRAM

The Universal Security Audit Program final report was received on 25 January 2013.

This audit was conducted on 16-29 November 2012. The main objective of the audit is to promote global aviation security through the auditing of all International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Member States on a regular basis to determine the status of States implementation of the critical elements of an aviation security oversight system and the security related ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), associated procedures, guidance material and security related practices.

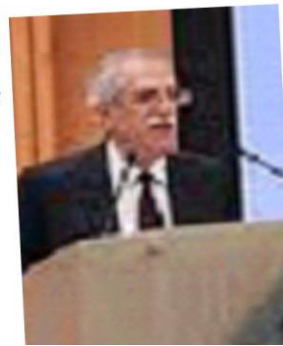
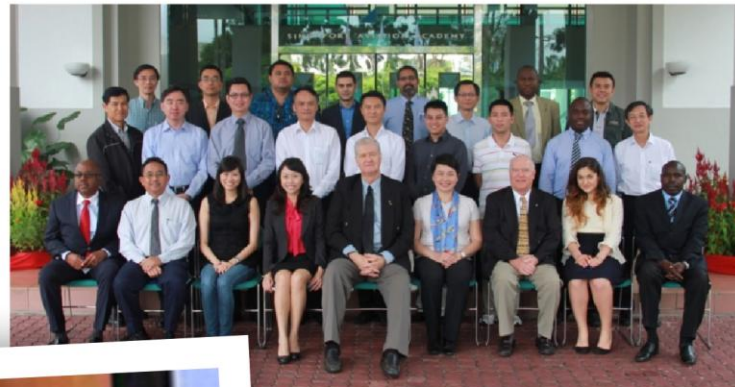
The report indicated that the Aviation Security Oversight System was in compliance with the majority of ICAO SARPs (Standards and Recommended Practices) with a few recommendations for improvement.

The National Aviation Security Committee met on 14th February 2013, to discuss the report with the purpose of compiling the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to address the issues identified in the Final Report. The CEO MWTI, will be engaged for this input before submission of the CAP to ICAO before the due date of 29th March 2013.

ACCIDENT & INCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS COURSE

Operations Officer Quaver Epati, attended the Accident & Incident Investigations Course in Singapore from 18-22 February 2013. This course was funded through the Civil Aviation Training Awards scheme between the MWTI and Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Singapore.

The course was conducted at Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA)



*Mr. Roberto Kobeh Conzales
(President of the Council of ICAO)
presenting the Keynote Address.*

MARITIME DIVISION

MASTER CLASS 5 AND ENGINEER CLASS 5 EXAMINATIONS

The Ministry in fulfilling its obligations under the Standard Training Certification Watchkeeping (STCW) Convention 1995 and STCW Regulations 1998 continues to carry out the above-captioned examinations for the seafarers who have applied to the Ministry and successfully met the pre-requisites. The two examinations above were conducted on the 28th February 2013 for about seven applicants from the Samoa Shipping Corporation with only two representatives from the Tokelau Office. Of all these, only two seafarers sat the Engineer Class 5 exam while the others took the Master Class 5.

MARITIME SECURITY TRAINING

This is one of the ongoing assistance offered by the US Coast Guard for the Maritime Industry in the Region including Samoa. The Maritime Security Training is held at Samoa Ports Authority from 18 to 20 March 2013 respectively. The emphasis is to improve response to maritime related incidents that may occur in Samoa Waters. This would be of great assistance for the Maritime Personnel in enhancing the level of understanding and refreshing their skills on relevant issues and actions appropriate to various maritime threats that might occur in our shores.

FLAG STATE CONTROL INSPECTION

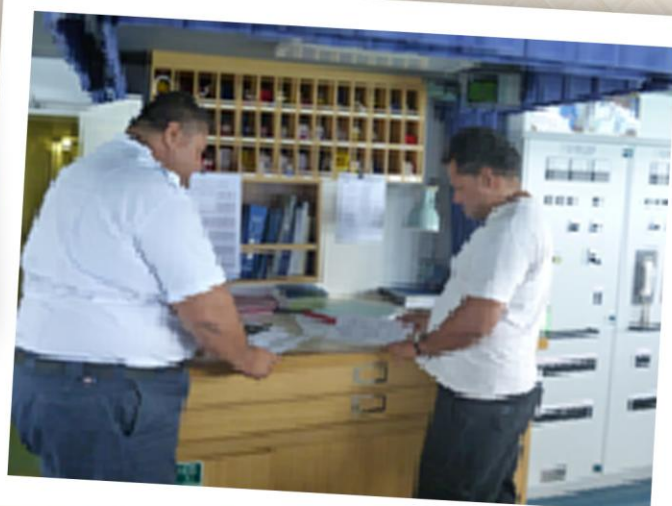
The first quarterly inspection was carried out on 13th March 2013 for this year on Samoan flagged vessels mainly the passenger/cargo vessels operating under the umbrella of the Samoa Shipping Corporation Ltd. The purpose of which was to ensure the continuous compliant of these vessels with the requirements of the Samoa Shipping Act 1998 and relevant maritime rules and regulations. The Maritime Division under its program activities throughout the year is accountable to such unscheduled inspection as to continuously alert the ships personnel in executing their responsibilities and of course a helping tool for the company in improving their service to the public.

SURVEY INSPECTION FOR MV LADY SAMOA III

MV Lady Samoa III is the biggest cargo/passenger vessel engaged on transporting travelling passengers and cargo between the two islands of Upolu and Savaii. To continue operating and in pursuant to Part IV of the Shipping Act 1998, the Lady Samoa III's annual survey has been conducted today (19/03/2013) prior to the expiry of its safety certificates. The survey is carried out earlier in order to give ample time to the Samoa Shipping Corporation to respond if deficiencies arise before the issuance of its safety certificates on 22nd March 2013. This is one of the most crucial regulatory services provided by the Maritime Division is ensuring the continuous compliance of vessels with survey requirements.



The DA representative (ACEO Maritime) on the right, US Ambassador, US Coast Guard and the Shipping Officer in receiving his certificate during the Closing Ceremony.



Principal Surveyor in conducting the survey for MV Lady Samoa III at Salelologa Port.

ASSET MANAGEMENT BUILDING DIVISION

VIP-LATRINE PROGRAMS SAMOA RED CROSS SOCIETY

Our Senior Sanitation Technical Officer, Taiese Paulo is assisting Samoa Red Cross in implementing a program to build VIP (Latrines) for families in Samoa with poor sanitation facilities or those who do not have access to reliable water supply.

On behalf of the Ministry, Taiese is ensuring that all VIP Latrines are built in accordance with the standards given in the Samoa National Building Codes 1992 handbook.

Information available at the MWTI Building Division, Level 4, TATTE Building, Sogi.



DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING FOLLOWING THE CYCLONE EVAN OF DECEMBER 2012

As summarized in the findings of assessments conducted by the Shelter Sub-Committee, 2088 private homes sustained damages from strong winds and floods during Cyclone Evan.

This was reported to the National Disaster Council (NDC) meeting on the 21st of January 2013 by Vaaelua Nofo Vaaelua, the CEO of the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure also the Chairman of the Shelter Sub-Committee.

The Report is currently being utilized by a few Institutional Agencies to assist with the implementation of recovery works for those whose homes were damaged.

NEW NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTRE EQUIPMENT BUILDING (PHASE 1)

Work for Phase 1 of the New National Medical Centre Buildings at Motootua project is completed however the date of the Official Opening of the Building is yet to be announced by the National Health Services.

The Contractor responsible for construction work of the New Medical Centre is designed & built by Shanghai Construction Group Ltd from Shanghai China.

TV PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISEMENT

We continue to advocate the message of building safe houses on popular TV programs like the 7's rugby earlier this year. The severe climatic conditions we are experiencing is surely a force that drives our message to every home especially as people rebuild after the cyclone Evan.

LAND TRANSPORT DIVISION

In the advent of cyclone Evan, the Land Transport Division in collaboration with the other line ministries conducted site visits to areas affected. The aim of the visit was to gather first hand information on the status of roads and settlements. The initial visits began with inspecting villages in the town area which includes Leone all the way up to Magiagi and Papaloloa.

The amount of damage caused was extensive, main roads were damaged and as water pipes were destroyed causing significant damages to homes particularly around Lelata area and as of today the Land Transport Division is still continuing its normal monitoring liaising with LTA in doing recovery works for roads and drainages around these affected areas.

In addition, the Land Transport Division also represented the Ministry in the Ministerial visit that took place on the 15th and 16th of February in Savaii and Upolu on the 21st and 22nd. The main focus of the visit was to inspect the status of the recovery works from the wrath of Tropical Cyclone (TC) Evan which includes airports, wharfs, access roads in the villages (auala galue) and the entire road network around the two island.



INSPECTION AT LEONE BRIDGE



The Leone bridge (above) has been completely damaged by TC Evan. The Government of Samoa through relevant Implementing Agencies is planning to replace the existing bridge



INSPECTION AT LELATA AREA



INSPECTION IN UPOLU



GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA
MINISTRY OF WORKS, TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE

RECRUITMENT OF TRANSPORT SECTOR PLANNING EXPERT
(Ref: PFRM2/2013/19)

The Government of Samoa is seeking to recruit a Transport Sector Planning Expert for 50 working days to assist the Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure (MWTI) in developing and formulating a Transport Sector Plan and implementation programme based on existing policies and plans.

Detailed Terms of Reference and information on the application procedure are available from the following website (ref: PFRM2/2013/19): www.mof.gov.ws under Services/Procurement.

The deadline for submission is 10:00am local Samoan time on Monday 8th April 2013
Applications must be submitted to:

Secretary Tender's Board
Ministry of Finance
4th Floor, Central Bank Building
Beach Road
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Apia, Samoa.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CORPORATE SERVICE DIVISION

HR REFRESHER TRAINING

Refresher Training has become a fundamental part of the Human Resource Planning. It embodied a conscious effort to ensure that new recruits and all staff members are aware of new changes to some policies in the working condition that guide all Samoa Public Servants. With the presence of ACEOs, Principals, seniors and officers from each division, the Corporate Service specialists with the assistance of the Policy and Planning Division conducted this Refresher Training on the 21st and 25th March, 2013.

The Importance of the Refresher Training is that it addresses the entitlements of each public servant under the Public Service Act 2004, Guidelines and Manuals. The training also highlighted internal control of Government assets/resources, the Ministry's service charter and the Information Technology Policy along with each division's objectives and depicts how and where the Ministry's budget is at today compare to last year's financial year. By doing so, each division came up with different issues that need to be addressed in the HR meetings.

The training also touched on the Ministry's Corporate Plan 2011 - 2013 and how it links to the Sector Plan and the Strategy for the Developments of Samoa (SDS) 2012 - 2016.



NEW RECRUITS

MWTI welcomes on board new staff members



Enesi Fesootai
Senior Building Inspector
Building Division



Faitoa Mase Nafai
Records Officer
Corporate Services Division



Foketi Manon Fuimaono
Policy & Planning Officer
Policy and Planning Division



Thomas Seuao Tufuga
Information Technology Officer
Policy and Planning Division

RESIGNED

MWTI farewells to Tasmuntjeikry Tuiloma who was our Human Resource/Training Officer. All the best Tas

PROMOTER

MWTI also congratulates **Brendalynn Neufeldt** in her new position as Licensing Officer in the Civil Aviation Division



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