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“Governor Lemanu to Visit Manu’a.”

Conduct an assessment of Manu'a will give the Administration good data and metrics to assist in developing future plans for Manu'a.

A groundbreaking of the Ofu Airport followed by a groundbreaking ceremony for the School Consolidation & The School Lunch Warehouse in Ta'u.

Governor Lemanu and First Lady will be leaving for Manu'a today on Samoa Airways and scheduled to return Saturday afternoon, March 27, 2021.

Accompanying them on the trip will be Lt. Governor Talauega and Good Lady and Chief of Staff Tuimavave Laupola and the Directors of DOE, ASTCA, DOA, EPA, DPW, OP, HR, and DOC. Each of these departments together with ASPA, DOH, and OPI will also have appointed staff members traveling with them as well.

Air charters will depart at 11 am and 1 pm today as scheduled, and a final charter tomorrow at 7 am.

There will be no cabinet meeting in Manu'a as previously planned and has been postponed until further notice. The purpose of cancellation was a logistics issue, and we hope to get that back on schedule. The idea of holding a cabinet meeting in Manu'a is to get the Directors to assess all the issues that Manu'a has and that their departments can assist in while seeing the problems in person. Secondly, to experience and enjoy Manu'a.

This trip is to recognize the accomplishments that these Directors have accomplished in Manu'a. The schedule of events is a groundbreaking of the Ofu Airport on 26MAR followed by a groundbreaking ceremony on the 27MAR for the School Consolidation & The School Lunch Warehouse in Ta'u.

All travelers will return on Saturday, March 27, 2021, as scheduled.

Other departments will continue to carry out their operations on the Manu'a islands and take the opportunity to have the Governor and Lt. Governor present to walk through the progress. This assessment of Manu'a will give the Administration good data and metrics to assist in developing future plans for Manu'a.

Travel charters are by DOE, DOH & Governor's office. Each respective department accompanying the Governor will be responsible for the costs of their personnel.

The MV Manu'atele departed last night, March 24, 2021, with 50 government employees, including several directors and staff members. Other ASG employees that left on the Manu'atele were returning residents who traveled to Tutuila to gather parts and parcels for their projects.

I will work on getting any program information from the events.

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The MV Manu'atele and the resources departed last night March 24, 2021, with 50 government employees which included several directors and their staff members. Other ASG employees are based in Manu'a who traveled to Tutuila to gather parts and parcels for their own projects.