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OUR VISION

A sustainable agriculture and fisheries sector for food security, health, prosperity, job creation and resilience.

OUR GOAL

To increase food nutrition and income security

OUR THEME

Enhancing partnerships to develop and sustain agriculture and fisheries

HANDOVER CEREMONY OF TUNNEL/SHADE HOUSES

Thursday, 6th September, 2018
TATTE Building

"I must say from my short tenure as the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, just over one year now, this is one partnership that has visibly shown and proven significant positive economic and social impacts on the lives of our farmers"

– Lopao'o Natanielu Mua.

In this fourth phase of the China Samoa Agricultural Technical Aid Project CSATAP, team leader Mr. Liu and his team of specialists have collaborated closely with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries through the Crops Division to help enhance and sustain our farms in Samoa. The handover ceremony of 110 tunnel and shade houses to 80 farmers is part of this phase for the CSATAP. The recipients were selected from the 200 farmers/applicants and went through technical agricultural training throughout the year. These trainings helped equipped and prepare the recipients on new



vegetable cultivation technologies and skills to grow new varieties and maintain the efficient costs of vegetable production technologies.

Tausala Cook; owner of Malaefono Organic Plantation was one of the recipients of a shade house shared that this has improved her chances for better fruit farming operations. "Having a shade house is a big bonus, I am an agriculturalist who never liked dealing with plants that are finicky such as leafy vegetables and only grew enough to feed my family and supply certain people," she said. "But having the shade house will help me tap further in

the vegetable market and it goes hand in hand in enhancing my small operation of being a fruit farmer. My heartfelt thanks to Mr. Jim Liu and his team of agriculture experts”

The 80 farmers (58 from Upolu and 22 from Savaii) were selected from the 200 applicants including farmers who are registered under our three farmers associations; Samoa Farmers Association, Samoa Federated Farmers Incorporated and Savaii Farmers Association; the prize winners from 2017 Agriculture Show and other SACEP beneficiaries.





Participants of the Samoa Farmers Forum 2018 at Orator Hotel

Samoa Farmers Forum

11th September, 2018
Orator Hotel

A participation of more than 100 people, representatives, especially farmers and some community members joined to consult and reflect together.

Good and strong partnerships between the government, farmers and private sectors were emphasized in this two-day event. Hon. Prime Minister, Afioga Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Sailele Malielegaoi informed the farmers that farming and fisheries makes up for just 10 per cent of the national gross domestic product and yet accounts for two third of the labor force and 90 per cent of Samoa's export. In order to be a successful famer in the farming and fisheries arena; they will need to be more skillful and this acquires a lot of effort and perseverance, especially the subsistence farmers.

Chairperson of the Samoa Farmers Association, Afamasaga Toleafoa pointed out that farmers need to work together to achieve sustainable, economic improvements in their farms.

This forum serves as a significant space for the farmers to come together to consult and reflect on ways to further enhance their farms and it also beneficial because it creates a network of likeminded people that aim to succeed together.

"It can only get better, particularly with these initiatives by government and donors to include farmer organizations in these new projects to build capacity of farmer organizations," Afamasaga said.

There were also presentations from other representatives of the Agriculture Sector and other sectors including topics on cocoa development, sheep production and maintenance, turmeric, ginger and others.

Wrapping up the event; the participants discussed the issues affecting their sector, which would be the foundation for the forum communiqué.



"What I learned growing up on the farm was a way of life that was centered on hard work, and on faith and on thrift. Those values have stuck with me my whole life." by Rick Perry.

A boy that is enjoying the Fisheries Division Agriculture Show display of giant clams.

Samoa's very own Taro. Available in local markets and for export to overseas markets, including New Zealand and Australia.



"Showing Livestock teaches you how to be the best of the best." Breanna Viles

One of the cattle displays for Agriculture Show by the Animal Protection and Health Division.



Some of the staff of the Crops Division at Nu'u working on ways to further develop the breadfruit production in Samoa, and ensuring improved quality standards of breadfruit for local markets and especially export markets.

A side shot of one farmer's display of his vegetables and fruits at the Agriculture Show.





MAJOR CROPS GROWING CALENDARS FOR SAMOA

WET SEASON IN SAMOA

DRY SEASON IN SAMOA

OCTOBER - MARCH

APRIL - SEPTEMBER

CROPS	Peak Harvest Time & Optimum growing conditions	Planting Time	Number of harvest cycles per year
Seasonal Crops			
Vegetables			
• Tomatoes	4 -6 months		Dry season 3 cycles
• Cucumber	4-6 months		Dry season 3 cycles
• Head Cabbage	3-4 months		Dry season 3 cycles
• Chinese Cabbage	3- 4 weeks		Dry season 3 cycles
• Pumpkin	4- 12 months		All year round
Spices			
• Ginger	5-6 months		All year round
• Black pepper	2-3 years		All year round
• Spring Onions	2-3 months		Wet season
Annual Crops			
• Taro	6 -8months		All year round 1.5 cycles
• Taamu	7- 8 months		All year round 1 cycle
• Banana	8-12 months		All year round 1 cycle
• Yam	7-8 months		All year round 1.5 cycles
• Talo palagi	6-8 months		All year round 1.5 cycles
• Cassava	5-8 months		All year round 1.5 cycles
• Papaya	8 months		All year round 1.5 cycles
• Peanuts	4 months		All year round 3 cycles
• Pineapple	12 months		All year round 1 cycle
Permanent Crops			
• Coconut	Fruits in 5yrs and peaks from 6-20yrs		1 cycle
• Cocoa	Fruit in 3yrs and peaks from 4-20yrs		1 cycle
• Breadfruit	Fruit in 3yrs and peak from 4 -30yrs		1 cycle
• Coffee	Fruit in 4yrs, peaks in 5-20yrs		2 cycles
• Mango	Fruit in 4yrs, peaks in 5-20yrs		1 cycle
• Avocado	Fruits in 5yrs, peaks from 6-20yrs		1 cycle
• Rambutan	Fruits in 5 yrs, peaks from 6-20yrs		1 cycle