

## IAPP Samoa Inaugurated by Head of State Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II

Shang Seon Park  
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*With the Head of State, His Highness Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II, front row with red necklace next to Rev Shang Seon Park, UPF Oceania Chairman (black suit) and MP Hon Tafua Maluelue Tafua to the HOS's right.*

On Tuesday 16th January 2018, the IAPP Samoa was Inaugurated in Apia, Samoa. The event was graced with the attendance of the Head of State, His Highness Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II. Additionally, two current Members of Parliament attended and spoke together with key community, youth and women leaders.

The overall theme of the conference was “Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: The Role of IAPP in Samoa.” The emcee for the event was Mr Seti Suafa, the President of UPF Samoa. A welcoming address was given by Member of Parliament Hon Tafua Maluelue Tafua who welcomed everyone on behalf of the government and gave an eloquent overview of the current issues and challenges facing Samoa.

A beautiful Tong Il Moo Do demonstration was performed by the youth as the TIMD philosophy based on filial piety, mind-body unity and character development was explained by Mr Seti Suafa who is the TIMD leader in Samoa.

This was followed by an opening address by Rev Shang Seon Park, Oceania Regional Chair of UPF, who highlighted the unique potential of Samoa to become the first nation of God. Rev Park explained his strong impression that Samoa needed to continue to revere God and in particular to respond to the call of God into the future.

The next presentation was by UPF Region Secretary-General, Greg Stone who introduced the principles and concepts behind the IAPP and reported how it had been launched successfully in many nations around the world. Mr. Stone went on to explain the central importance of the family as a foundation for peace in the nation and world.

Several leaders were invited to make presentations on the theme of the conference: “Addressing the critical challenges of our time: the role of IAPP in Samoa.” Hon Victor Tamapua MP highlighted challenges related to aspects of the changing culture. The National President of SUNGO, the Samoa Umbrella for NGOs, Ms Roina Faatauvaavavatau, spoke about the challenges facing families and the youth.

Entertainment followed with a beautiful song and a traditional Samoan Dance presented by talented youth.

Many of the participants received Ambassadors for Peace Certificates and the Inaugural resolution was signed by the participants.



*Meeting with the Head of State in his offices. From left, Greg Stone, UPF Oceania Secretary-General, Rev Shang Seon Park, UPF Oceania Chairman, Head of State, His Highness Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Sualauvi II, Seti Suafa, UPF Samoa President, and Ms Fiso Taranaki Mailei-Tamasese, newly appointed Women's Federation for World Peace President for Samoa.*

The meeting concluded as everyone shared informally over afternoon tea.

A Samoa Television news crew covered the IAPP Inauguration and it appeared on Samoa Television news that evening.

Following the launch, Rev Park, Seti Suafa and Greg Stone attended a meeting with the Prime Minister of Samoa, Hon Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi in his office. The meeting was very convivial as the Prime Minister signed the IAPP Inaugural Resolution and signed and gifted two copies of his recently published memoirs entitled "Palemia" meaning Prime Minister in Samoan language. He also fondly recalled and related his experiences with Rev Moon when he came to Samoa and spoke at the House of Prayer for four hours. He also spoke of his inspiration at hearing the Divine Principle's explanation of the Fall of Adam and Eve during an International Leadership Conference he attended in Korea.



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