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Newly Appointed Ombudsman Meets with Ambassador of Japan to Samoa

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The newly appointed Ombudsman of Samoa, Afioga Vui Clarence Nelson, paid a courtesy visit to the Ambassador of Japan to Samoa, Excellency Ryotaro Suzuki, at the Ambassador’s Office in Apia.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the newly appointed Ombudsman and the Ambassador to meet and exchange greetings, while strengthening the relationship between the Ombudsman’s Office and the Embassy of Japan in Samoa.

The courtesy meeting also reflects the importance of maintaining positive engagement and dialogue between Samoa’s national institutions and diplomatic missions accredited to Samoa.

During the meeting, the Ombudsman and the Ambassador also discussed possible collaboration on potential projects aimed at assisting and rehabilitating children who come into contact or conflict with the law. This potential area of collaboration highlights the shared importance of supporting children and promoting their rehabilitation, wellbeing and positive reintegration into their communities.

The Ombudsman expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet with the Ambassador and acknowledged the longstanding friendship and cooperation between Samoa and Japan.

The Ombudsman’s Office looks forward to maintaining constructive engagement with the Embassy of Japan and other development and diplomatic partners in support of good governance, accountability, human rights and the effective delivery of services to the people of Samoa.

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