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Dedication Ceremony Held for New A.P. Lutali School Building and Multipurpose Gymnasiums

The A.P. Lutali Elementary School held a momentous dedication ceremony to celebrate the opening of its new school building and state-of-the-art multipurpose gymnasiums. The event, attended by the Honorable Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga, First Lady Ella, community members, students, and dignitaries, marks a new chapter for the school, providing enhanced educational and recreational facilities.

The ceremony began with a warm welcome from the Master of Ceremonies, Mrs Faaofia Siamu Pulu, Principal of A.P. Lutali Elementary School, who expressed gratitude for the collaboration and efforts that made this project a reality.

Reverend Samuelu Tuilaepa spoke from Mark 13, verses 21-37; he reads from verse 22, "For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." In these verses from Mark 13:21-37, Jesus warns his disciples about the coming end times. He urges them to be cautious about false messiahs and prophets who will try to deceive people. The new school and gym can be viewed as blessings that will serve as venues for shaping future generations, with Christ at the heart of all learning and activities within them.

The Honorable Governor delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the project's significance for the future of our students. "This new facility represents our commitment to providing our children with the best tools and environment for learning. It's not just a school building, but a symbol of progress and opportunity for the entire community," the Governor remarked. Reflecting on Former Governor Lutali's legacy would be a proud moment for the village, the people, and our students. The vision for the betterment of people is not for the government but for our people. Concluding his remarks, Governor Lemanu acknowledged the delays in the project and thanked the Aunu'u community for their patience and steadfastness.

The Director of Public Works, Faleosina Voigt, also shared insights into the construction process, noting the team's dedication to completing the project on time and to the highest standards. The director provided an overview of the newly constructed facilities. The two-story school building houses seven classrooms, two restrooms, and accessible ramps and stairs. The multipurpose gymnasium, built entirely from metal, measures 170 feet by 80 feet and includes a cement stage. Director Voigt also shared the total project cost of \$2.6 million and presented the Certificate of Occupancy to ASDOE Director Talauega Dr. Samasoni Asaeli. Congratulations!

Ma'aelopa Tuiasosopo, owner of 2E Corporation, the company responsible for constructing the new facilities, shared words of appreciation for the support received throughout the project and highlighted the importance of community partnerships in enhancing educational infrastructure. He discussed the various challenges encountered during construction, including logistical hurdles in transporting materials from Tutuila and weather delays. He credited the project's successful completion to God's grace and guidance and extended thanks to the government for its trust in his company. He also appreciated the people of Aunu'u for their support and hospitality throughout the construction process.

Director of Education Talauega Dr. Samasoni Asaeli thanked everyone who joined us in celebrating the dedication of A.P. Lutali Elementary School. Despite the challenges, we can accomplish these significant projects. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Government for providing endless support for Aunu'u and for prioritizing the students to ensure our students deserve our very best. He shared his sincere gratitude to the village for being patient for all these years of waiting and for the contractor's unwavering commitment to completing the project. In closing, he mostly thanked the principal, staff, and students.

The ceremony concluded with First Lady Ella Mauga cutting the ribbon to open the new facilities officially. Attendees were then invited to tour the new school building and multipurpose gymnasium.

This event represents a long-awaited achievement for the Aunu'u community, and the new facilities stand as a testament to its people's patience, resilience, and dedication. These buildings will serve as a lasting investment in the future of Aunu'u's children and the broader American Samoa community.

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