

**OPENING ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER TUILAEPA SAILELE MALIELEGAOI
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Two years ago, I was hosted with other Pacific leaders by the Government of Singapore. During the visit, a very informative and well organized program was made for us on Singapore's development success and experience. Underpinning Singapore's impressive success is their very capable Public Service.

I am therefore very glad and thank the Singapore Government through Ms. Alice Cheng for agreeing to hold in Apia this Course on Human Resources Management and Development in the Singapore Public Service for Samoa Senior Executives, which has made it possible for all government agencies to have senior executive participation.

This opportunity to hear and be able to discuss Singapore's experience in developing and sustaining a first-class Public Service without doubt would provide important pointers to help us within the context of our own circumstances to make changes to the delivery of services and the responses of the government to meet the needs of our people. Of particular importance in this regard is adequate capacities of our government agencies and I look forward to the Course assisting our efforts in the paramount priority area of Human Resources capacity building and sustainability.

That's the extent of my remarks which are intentionally brief to try and keep the ceremony within the allotted time. Timeliness, after all is an important requirement of good public service delivery!

Before ending, I would like to again say for the record and to ask Ms. Cheng to convey our appreciation to her government not only for holding this Course in Apia but for the many training opportunities Singapore has provided to support Samoa's development over the years.

I wish our guests and team from Singapore an enjoyable time in Samoa and to wish everyone successful deliberations and exchanges of views over the coming days.

Thank you.