



CURRICULUM VITAE

H.E. LEASI PAPALI'I T. SCANLAN

1. Personal Details

Born : 3 August 1953
Nationality : Samoan
Marital Status: Married to Joyce Wetzell-Scanlan with six children (5 boys and 1 girl).

2. Employment History

March 2012 – Current Government of Samoa

Samoa High Commissioner to New Zealand

Dean of the NZ Diplomatic Corps since beginning of 2017

April 1989 – August 2011 Central Bank of Samoa

First Samoan National to Head the Central Bank of Samoa on the departure of the second expatriate Governor who was seconded from the Bank of England, through the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The first Governor of the Central Bank of Samoa was from the Reserve Bank of Australia.

August 1985 – April 1989 Central Bank of Samoa

Started work with the Central Bank of Samoa in August 1985 as the Assistant Manager of the International Department. Promoted to Deputy Governor in May 1987 and then the Governor of the Central Bank of Samoa in April 1989.

March 1984 – August 1985 Treasury Department, Government of Samoa

On return to Samoa, after completion of a 3year contract with SPEC (now called the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat), continued working with the Treasury Department as a Senior Research Officer.

February 1981 – March 1984 South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation Fiji (SPEC)

Worked as a Project Officer for SPEC from February 1981 to March 1984.

January 1978 – February 1981 Treasury Department, Government of Samoa

Following graduation in 1977 from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, worked with the Samoa Treasury Department as a Research Officer.

3. Qualifications

1977 – BSc degree in Operations Research (Mathematical Economics) from Canterbury University, Christchurch N.Z.

4. Some Notable Achievements

Twenty two (22) years as the Governor of the Central Bank of Samoa (from April 1989 to August 2011).

As the CBS Governor, oversaw the liberalisation of Samoa's financial system in 1998 which included the deregulation of the commercial banks' interest and exchange rates systems as well as the removal of all foreign exchange controls.

Samoa's economy enjoyed positive growth in most of the 22 years Leasi was the Governor of the Central Bank of Samoa. And, as a result, Samoa was often been cited as one of the most well managed small island economies, by the international financial community.

As Governor of the Central Bank, Leasi was Chairman of the CBS Board as well as the Chairman of Samoa's International Finance Authority (SIFA).

Leasi was a regular participant (from 1987 to 2011) at the Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Commonwealth Finance Ministers, the Commonwealth Central Bank Governors, the Forum Economic Ministers and the Pacific Central Bank Governors' Meetings.

Leasi was Co-Chairman of the OECD Global Forum on the issue of *'Information Exchange on Tax Matters'* as well as the Co-Chairman of the OECD Subgroup on the issue of *'Level Playing Field'* for a period of 6 years from 2003 to 2009.

In September 2010, Leasi chaired the Meeting of the Commonwealth Central Bank Governors held in Washington DC.

5. Interests

Some interests include: reading, golf, rugby, tennis, aerobics and weight training.