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Presentation of Starlink Systems to the American Samoa Government



[PICTORIAL] This morning at the Office of the Governor, Papalii Henry Jessop, a son of Samoa and representing SMX, presented the Starlink systems to the American Samoa Government. During his presentation, Papalii acknowledged the efforts of the Office of the Governor, the Department of Education, and LBJ in seeking innovative benefits for the local community. He specifically mentioned the great contributions of local companies, American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA) and Blue Sky.

Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga thanked Papalii for returning home and giving back to his people. He addressed the concerns and reservations surrounding the introduction of Starlink on the Island, particularly the potential threat to local companies. The Governor stressed the importance

of collaboration and proposed bringing all key players to the table to discuss how they can support each other. "I want to bring all the key players to the table and discuss how we can come together and help each other," said Governor Lemanu. A meeting will be scheduled for the key players in the near future to initiate collaboration for the improvement of systems for the people of American Samoa.

In his additional remarks, Papalii acknowledged and thanked the local companies, ASTCA and Blue Sky, for their contributions to the community for many years. He reiterated his commitment to not competing with those who serve the community. "We're not competing with our local companies. We want to work side by side with those companies," he stated. Highlighting the high performance of the Starlink system, Papalii mentioned its ability to read MRI results efficiently, highlighting the importance of leveraging global capabilities to support community needs. "This system is high performance. When we have capabilities in the world that can support our community needs, we must leverage them," he emphasized.

The presentation highlighted the potential of the Starlink system to bring technological advancements to American Samoa while fostering a collaborative environment with local businesses.

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