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The Department of Education Hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony for Olomoana Elementary School's New Multipurpose Gymnasium.

On October 24, 2024, Olomoana Elementary School in Aoa, proudly known as the home of the Sea'ula, celebrated the commencement of its new multipurpose gymnasium with a dedication ceremony. Principal Larry Gutu welcomed honored guests, including Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga, First Lady Ella Mauga, members of the Fono, and Cabinet members, alongside the school's administration and staff. Reverend Faletoi Aofia from the Congregational Christian Church (CCCAS) Aoa led the opening invocation, marking the significance of this project for the school and the wider community.

In his special remarks, the Honorable Governor Lemanu expressed how honored the government was to inaugurate the new school building for Olomoana Elementary. He stated, "It is a service that the government provides for our students, to ensure that every school facility on our island receives proper resources for the education and welfare of our children."

The Governor highlighted that Olomoana Elementary School, home of the Sea'ula, serves a vital role as it welcomes students from neighboring villages. This importance motivated the government's recent dedication of a new access road in Aoa to facilitate easier transportation for students attending Olomoana.

Governor Lemanu concluded by emphasizing that the new multipurpose gymnasium will serve not only the educational needs of students but also the broader Aoa community. "When the government envisions such projects, we consider how they can benefit each community as a whole. While the educational and welfare needs of the students remain a priority, this facility will also support community engagement activities that foster unity and strength within the community," he said. Mamea Sala then spoke on behalf of the village of Aoa, extending special

thanks to Governor Lemanu for his ongoing support of projects that contribute to the community's growth and development.

Manu'a Development has been selected as the contractor for the new gymnasium, which will have a total cost of \$880,000.00. Measuring 80 feet in length and 60 feet in width, the gymnasium is expected to finish construction in 8 months.

The ceremony concluded with honored guests participating in the groundbreaking, officially marking the beginning of construction for the new multipurpose gymnasium at Olomoana Elementary School, home of the Sea'ula.

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