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## American Samoa Tennis Association presents 2024 Pacific Nations Cup gifts to the Office of the Governor



On Tuesday June 18th, the American Samoa Tennis Association (ASTA) presented gifts of appreciation to the Office of the Governor for their invaluable partnership and support of the 2024 Oceania Tennis Federation (OTF) Pacific Nations Cup that took place from June 5th - June 10th at the ASTA facility in Tafuna (Lion's Park). The tennis tournament brought 60 athletes and officials from 11 Pacific Island Countries and Territories across the region for a week-long event that began with a welcome dinner and concluded with an award and medal ceremony after a total of 147 matches played. Tahiti clinched the Gold Medal for Men's while Fiji took the Gold for the Women's.

President Florence Wasko expressed her gratitude on behalf of the ASTA board and Association stating, "The feedback we've received from the various athletes, delegations, and officials has been overwhelmingly positive and we've been told that the hospitality of our Territory has set the standard for the Pacific Nations Cup in the region. Its success was made possible through a community-wide effort that includes the American Samoa Government, specifically the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor."

Acting Governor Laapui Talauega E. V. Ale received the tokens of appreciation that included a Pacific Nations Cup Official shirt, personalized his and her t-shirts for the Governor, First Lady, Lieutenant Governor, and Good Lady, Pacific Nations Cup flasks, souvenirs, and framed photos of the Pacific Nations Cup delegations.

Acting Governor Ale commended ASTA and the organizing committee, "Well done to you all for your efforts in organizing this event and allowing the Administration to showcase our commitment to the development of sports tourism in the Territory and to provide the exposure for our young local talent and athletes in American Samoa. In the last year, we've been able to host softball tournaments and now tennis and we hope to host more in the near future, including our bid for 2029 Pacific Mini-Games."

Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga and Lieutenant Governor La'apui Talauega E. V. Ale wish to congratulate all of the athletes, especially the 2024 OTF Pacific Nations Cup Men's and Women's medalists!

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