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## **PRESS RELEASE:**

### **NUS Congratulates Yazaki Kizuna Scholarship Awardees and Graduates.**

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*The National University of Samoa and the Yazaki Kizuna Foundation jointly hosted the 2023 Scholarship Awards Presentation Ceremony and Alumni Luncheon on Thursday, May 11th, at the AOA Conference Room. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the academic achievements of the scholarship recipients and to provide them with an opportunity to connect with alumni.*

His Excellency Mr. Keisuke Senta – Japan Ambassador to Samoa and Dr. Junichi Kitami, Managing Director of Yazaki Kizuna Foundation and Yumiko Asakuma, Resident Representative Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) congratulated all the successful NUS Scholarship recipients of 2023.

The new scholarship awards consist of 13 for Bachelor's degrees, 4 for Post Graduate Diplomas, 1 for Master of Public Health and 1 for a PhD. According to our NUS Vice-Chancellor, Associate Professor Tuifuisa'a Patila Amosa, these awards are of great value to our students. Currently, there are 43 continuing sponsored students, with a total of 62 scholarships from Yazaki Kizuna Foundation for this year.

The 2023 scholarship recipients include Suiselanu Esau, Lupe Iosefa, Lisafonotele Vili, Samanther Mikaele Eteuati, Alana Maliko, Marjorie Leung Choi, Sheronite Lima, Cedrella Lepapaigalagala Elisara, Fetulima Faimanifo, Mackenzie Faaeenotimoli GRA, Daniellemuti Pili, Krystal Taulapapa, Ietitaia Simi, Xiaomei Isara Aofia, Eileen Danielle Williams-Peni, Anzac Mauava Tai-Leituala, and Gerrit Peni. Each recipient presented a speech to express their gratitude to the Yazaki Kizuna Foundation for their financial assistance.

The celebration also included the presentation of cash gifts to Aliitasi Etl, Ioana Tuagalilo, Delphine Talia Sitanisilao, and Maulalo Iakopo in recognition of their achievements and completion of their programmes of study.

The National University of Samoa highly values its partnership with the Yazaki Kizuna Foundation and extended its heartfelt gratitude to the Foundation for their continued support.



Group Photo 1 – from Left to Right: His Excellency Dr. Junichi Kitami, Managing Director of Yazaki Kizuna Foundation, NUS Scholarship Recipient, NUS Vice-Chancellor – Associate Professor Tuifuisa’ a Patila Malua Aмоса



Group Photo 2: His Excellency Funefeai Oliva Vaai – Yazaki Kizuna Foundation of Advisor, Yumiko Asakuma, – Resident Representative of JICA, Mr. Keisuke Senta – Japan Ambassador to Samoa , Dr. Junichi Kitami – Managing Director of Yazaki Kizuna Foundation, NUS Vice-Chancellor – Associate Professor Tuifuisa’ a Patila Malua Aмоса, DVC Academic & TVET – Afioga Peseta Su’ a Dr. Desmond Mene Lee Hang, Student Services Director – Malosu’ e Angeline Alama & NUS – Yazaki Kizuna Scholarship Recipients.

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