

Reviving the old Court House

Marieta Heidi Ilalio

Three specialists are in Samoa to measure the old Court House in the bid to try and conserve the historical value and heritage behind it.

One specialist is FNZIA MICOMOS director from New Zealand, Adam Wild. He specializes in the conservation of historical buildings around the world.

During their three day visit, Mr Wild and his colleagues will collect information about the conditions of the building.

The data collected is then made into the form of a three-dimensional computerized model.

This will be handed over to the Unitec Architect students who will try and come up with different possible building images that the old building can be turned into.

The project is sponsored by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany through the agency of the Federal Republic of Germany in Wellington, Mr Thomas Mister, UNITEC, and the Government of Samoa.

"This old court house is 106 years old and it's an historical site. Samoa can conserve and use it for other purposes," Mr Wild said.

"We can still bring this building back to life if we work together to find possible ways to re-use it," he said.



GATHERING INFORMATION: The Honorary Consul of Germany in Apia, Arne Schreiber (right) with Director of FNZIA MICOMOS, Adam Wild who is leading this study of the old court house in Apia. *Photo: Marieta H. Ilalio*