



Yazaki Kizuna Foundation – Helping Rugby in Samoa

It is known throughout the world that Samoans love their rugby and to ensure the growth of the sport, the Yazaki Kizuna Foundation (YKF) provides grants to Lakapi Samoa's "High Performance Academy programme (HPA)" for the year 2021 to 2023.

Lakapi Samoa believes that the HPA is in line with the purpose that YKF provides grants to principally non-profit organizations which contribute to creation of job opportunities and economic activities in Samoa.

YKF also provided vehicles which transport

HPA players, training uniforms and training equipments.

With increased growth and interest globally in rugby, the demand for rugby highly skilled rugby players is increasing and HPA is looking at taking this opportunity and providing local rugby players with the resources and training in order to qualify for professional rugby contracts overseas at prestigious rugby clubs / franchises that can provide our rugby players with a well-paying rugby career in a high performance rugby environment.

"To compete with bigger and better resourced Unions, The partnership with YKF will assist Lakapi Samoa immensely in our HPA in preparing future international players". said Vincent Fepuleai, CEO Lakapi Samoa.

YKF said: "We hope that our grants will help young Samoan rugby players realize their dreams for the future. When their dreams come true, the purpose of YKF 's grants on HPA to contribute to the development of human resources and the expansion of job opportunities in Samoa will also be achieved".

