

NEWSLETTER

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Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

During October and November, KnuA Juventude Fila-Liman (KJFL) continued to cooperate with stakeholders to provide support to youth with innovative ideas to start businesses. KJFL also organised other activities to train and build the capacity youth, and to improve their knowledge and skills in sectors including entrepreneurship, technology and engineering, banking system and others. These activities promote youths' creativity, and support them to be independent and innovative, allowing them to create employment for themselves and others and contribute to the development of Timor-Leste.

Design Challenge 2017: Engineers Without Borders



Commencing on 23 September 2017, **Design Challenge** provided the opportunity to 53 local engineering students to make 'Dili a Better City', empowering them to create innovative ideas and become entrepreneurs. The programme was facilitated by Engineers Without Borders and involved several briefing, training and group discussion sessions, including promoting the role of women in civil engineering. During the discussion groups, each group was tasked to identify problems and come up with a prototype based on the solution focusing on 'the implementation process of community design'.

Following the training, four groups were put forward for the final stage, with the winner decided by the panel on 28th October based on the presentation of their innovative idea to reduce waste of materials and contribute to a positive environmental impact in Timor-Leste. The winning 'TESLA' group from UNTL won a prize of \$750 for their water sustainability project. The final stage of the programme was attended by Secretary Estado Juventude e do Trabalho, Mr. Nivio Magalhães, UN Resident Coordinator in Timor-Leste, Mr. Knut Ostby and representative of the Australian Embassy in Timor-Leste, Ms. Rachel Moore. Representatives from RMS, Caltech, Catalpa and students from UNTL, UNPAZ, DIR and members of EWB AND KJFL and "Feto Enginaria" also joined. The Secretary of State for Youth and Employment, Mr. Nivio Magalhães, said the competition creates benefits for youth as it supports them to explore their ideas and make them a reality, such as building a high-quality house with basic materials or using water for productive activities, allowing them to become entrepreneurs, create employment opportunities and benefit Timor-Leste.



Gil Maria Perreira, studying civil engineering at the National University of Timor-Leste expressed thanks for his participation in the Design Challenge Programme. "It is an opportunity for us as university students to improve our knowledge of engineering," he said.



Nivio Magalhães, Secretary of State for Youth and Employment, said that the competition had created benefits for youth in Timor-Leste.



Students participate in a workshop discussion.



The winners of the competition.



Students participate in a workshop discussion.



Prototype observation.



'MakerFest': Cooperation between Asian School of Business and UNDP

During October, UNDP engaged with the Asia School of Business (ASB) to conduct a **'MakerFest'** from 11-13 October for 40 selected participants, introducing them to "maker" skills, innovation processes and start-up exercises. The Asia School of Business was founded in response to the need for organizations in the corporate and public sectors for highly qualified, industry-ready entrepreneurs to help them take advantage of opportunities.

The purpose of the program was to influence the innovation and entrepreneurship attitudes of young students through hands-on exposure to art, ideas and fabrication processes, as well as design tools for mechanical, electronics and coding, and digital fabrication to create prototypes of products for solving a problem. The final phase of the MakerFest will involve product demonstration and pitching.

The products developed will support the downstream industries, particularly the tourism and agriculture sectors, which are areas of development focus and need in Timor-Leste. ASB plays an active role in helping to develop fledgling entrepreneurship communities in Malaysia and the greater ASEAN region. Therefore, bringing ASB closer to youth in Timor-Leste is expected to create entrepreneurs from the capable untapped community.



1. Ideation, 'identify the problem'



2. Design by using SketchUp software



3. Making process



4. Digital programming

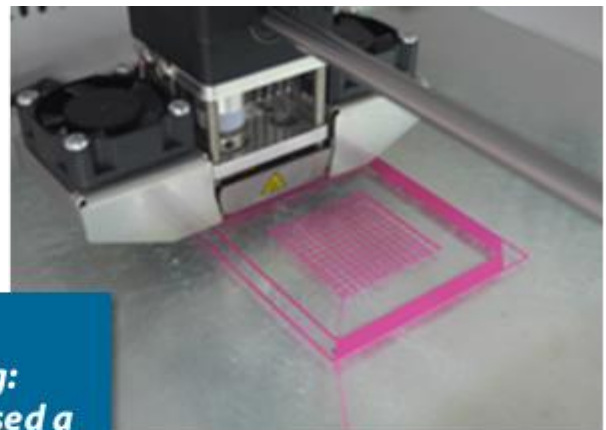
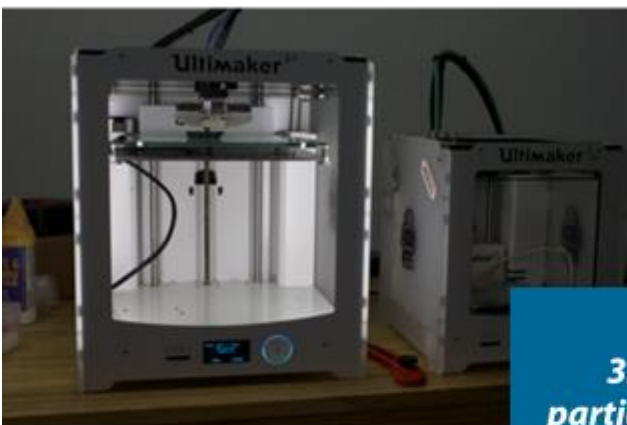
"I am excited because I had an great opportunity to learn new and interesting skills, not only how to use software for designs. But more importantly to transform ideas into reality through designs. It is just an interesting experience"

Frederica Rosa (UNTL), Group B



MakerFest Training involved a '3D Lab' workshop, helping the youth to create 'Change Agents' in the community that can catalyse innovation and entrepreneurship in the community and learn to identify and solve unmet needs in the community through a design thinking process. During the 3-day workshop, participants also learned how to use software and were split into 8 groups, with each group given the task of creating materials for primary school children such as educational toys for kindergartens. Participants highly rated the training and suggested that it should be continued next year to support them with utilizing technology.

On the last day of the training H.E. Mr Nívio Magalhães, Secretary of State for Youth and Employment, did a short tour to see the products made students in the workshop. The Secretary of State also congratulated the students and underlined that "the Government is committed to continue assist Timorese youth through programs that will enable youth to enter employment market with solid knowledge and specialized skills". Present at the public demonstration and closing ceremony were the Ambassador of Malaysia, EU Head of Cooperation, Representative of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and KOICA, UN Resident Coordinator in Timor-Leste and other partners including EWB, Catalpa, INOVAR4 and Field Ready.



**3D printing:
participants used a
memory card or USB
with 3D design to
print a pencil box.**



Innovar4 technology workshop



Realizing that Development of Technology is rapidly advancing in Timor-Leste, KJFL organized invited Innovar4 to make a presentation on the topic "Introduction on new modern technology to the youth of Timor-Leste" on 23 October 2017. Mr. Matt Langton, Technical Director, and Team Leader for the workshop emphasised that youth in Timor-Leste should have better access to new technologies and contribute as much as possible to the development of the country. Attended by 20 youth, mostly with an engineering background, this workshop aimed to provide an introductory overview about new modern technology in Timor-Leste. As the main target for innovative business, youth and young entrepreneurs should be able to understand the fast and innovative development of technology around the world, and how the market develops overtime. Ultimately, it is expected that the students will utilise innovative facilities to help develop their business ideas and plans.

Innovation for entrepreneurship camp



Innovation for Entrepreneurship is designed to train youth on how to generate innovative business ideas and start businesses, solving problems that may come in the process. In the three-day camp held from 16-18 November, the participants were split into groups. Each group was given the task of identifying the problems of their businesses and to come up with solutions. Then, they were challenged to develop a business plan according to the business model canvas. The sessions were facilitated by young trainers Silvia and Lana from Knuia Juventude Fila-Liman. This activity brought together 26 young people with their own innovative ideas and provided them with a deepened understanding of their businesses. They are now empowered with problem solving and risk management skills, which can be utilised to tackle eventual problems and face future challenges.

Stop smoking!

The UN Agency-World Health Organization (WHO) and the Alianca Nacional do Controlo de Tabaco Timor Leste (ANCT-TL) collaborated with Knua Juventude Fila-Liman to provide seminars on stop smoking on 25 November 2017. The goal was to explain, to actual smokers, the impact of smoking on human health and family economies and to highlight alternative spending, such as in the productive sector.



Mr. Sancho B. Fernandes, Secretary of ANCT-TL said “the 20 participants are smokers and now ANCT-TL wants to advise them on how to save their money and invest it in business. The training teaches them how to be facilitators of **Stop Smoking** in the future and it is like a psychologist therapy for young smokers. That’s why we need to collaborate with KNUA Juventude Fila-Liman to help the youth.”

BNCTL financial loan and deposit policy workshop



The goal of this workshop held on 30th October and attended by 33 participants was to provide a general understanding about the Banco Nacional de Comercio de Timor-Leste (BNCTL) financial flow, loan and deposit policy and how young entrepreneurs can familiarize themselves with the procurement of goods from overseas using a Letter of Credit (LC) and Inter-Continental (INCO) terms. This falls under the KJFL’s objective to link youth to financial markets and improve their knowledge and skills to have an advantage in business. “BNCTL is a unique national bank that can provide financial support through different types of credit, with a total of \$81.3M”, said Mr. Marcelo da Cruz Carvalho, manager of BNCTL.

The contribution of peace from young people toward sustainable development

To celebrate National Youth Day on 12 November, several youth organizations collaborated with the committee of **12 Novembru** and **Knua Juventude Fila-Liman** to organize a peace seminar on 11 November 2017 focusing on "The Contribution of Peace from young people toward the sustainable Development", as well as a peace walk on 12 November 2017 attended by six youth organisations who walked from Motael Church to Santa Cruz Cemetary. The objectives were:

- Celebrate with youth - both male and female - from all bairo, high schools, and universities in Dili in order to maintain peace and stability among youth.
- Strengthen the unity and fraternity as young people for the future of the country, Timor-Leste.
- Spread the words of peace for everyone through youth action, so that the youth can share to the community across the nation.
- Give the honor for the young heroes who fought and sacrificed their lives for the country's freedom and right to the independence.



KFJ outreach and services

Since October we have registered more than 300 visitors at our youth centre. In October, visitors mainly came to provide input on Knua trainings to improve them and to register for workshops. In addition, visitors – mostly youth and students - came to research and work in our space thanks to the free internet provided by Telemor. Others also came to source information about Knua Juventude Fila Liman work. In November, the free internet continued to attract many visitors, but we also received some visitors looking for information about our space or requesting advice on and assistance with their businesses.



Knua Juventude Fila-Liman is not working alone to support young entrepreneurs. During October and November two months our partners from the Government such as IADE, SEJT, BNCTL and SERVE are still with us to guide the youth who come up with innovative ideas for starting and managing businesses. The service of our partners is offered every Thursday stat from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

In November and December, our partners supported 16 young people at Knua Juventude Fila Liman, providing information based on the needs related to their business.

Other partnerships:

- ASB
- Inovar
- Telemor
- Local Universities

Donors:

- DFAT (Australian Embassy)
- GIZ
- Rotary Club
- Catalpha
- EWB
- Bee Lafaek
- MDF

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