

ELECTION PROJECT

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UNDP and Korea launch new cooperation on Electoral and Legal Assistance

Dili, 5 December 2016, The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Republic of Korea is launching a new programme of electoral and legal assistance of over US\$3 million on "Electoral and Legal Assistance for Social Inclusion focusing on Youth and Women in Timor-Leste 2016-2018."



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This project builds on the achievements of current and recent projects in democratic governance and supports the Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs), civil society organizations, as well as justice sector institutions, including the courts, the public defenders' office, the prosecution services, and the Legal Training Centre. The programme will cover support to voter and civic education, political participation of women and youth, access to justice, legal aid, and the capacity development of legal professionals. This cross-cutting assistance will support

the increased institutional capacity of Timor-Leste's state actors and will help consolidate democracy and rule of law in Timor-Leste.

"I believe that Korea-UNDP SDG Trust Fund launched in October, will be another testament to the effective partnership between Korea and UNDP...Through the UNDP SDG Trust Fund, Korea will support good governance in Timor-Leste, especially in the areas of electoral and legal assistance" said H.E. Kim Ki-Nam, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in his remarks during the launching ceremony held in Dili.



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On the same occasion, Mr. Knut Ostby, the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative for Timor-Leste said, "Three developments are particularly important for Timor-Leste:

strengthening and consolidating the national capacity already built including in the governance sector; ensuring inclusive development where everyone, not least the marginalized, can contribute to development; and diversification of the economy, which in turn requires a fair justice system and continued peace and stability for the private sector."



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for social inclusion
focusing on Youth and Women
in Timor-Leste



"This cooperation with the Republic of Korea is very important to enable the upcoming elections to proceed successfully. On behalf of the Government of Timor-Leste, I would like to express my gratitude to the Government of Korea for this support on electoral and legal assistance" said Vice Minister of State Administration, H.E. Mr. Tomas Cabral representing the Minister of State, Coordinator for State Administration Affairs and Justice and Minister of State Administration.



UNDP's support on a public information campaign for voter registration

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Coordination meeting between CNE and UNDP



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The first coordination meeting was held between the National Commission of Elections (CNE) and UNDP's Electoral Team to discuss further cooperation

on ensuring fair and transparent national elections.

As our first collaborative activity with CNE, UNDP is currently supporting a pub-

lic information campaign to promote voter registration through billboards, television commercials, as well as outreach through social media.



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Video for voter registration:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITUhCTZB1Jc>

UN Department of Political Affairs's Mission

Mr. Shin Umezu, Team Leader for South and South East Asia at the Asia and the Pacific Division of the UN Department of Political Affairs came for a short mission to TL to meet with key stakeholders to discuss key social, economic and political developments in the country.



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As such, Mr. Umezu met with STAE Director Mr. Branco to discuss the suco elections and the preparations for the general elections.

Mr. Umezu congratulated STAE for its support given to the suco elections, for the first time without much international assistance,

and expressed hope for the successful organization of the 2017 Presidential and Parliamentary elections.



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Overseas voter registration to take place for the first time

For the first time in Timor-Leste's electoral history, the Technical Secretariat of Electoral Administration (STAE)



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is organizing overseas voter registration for the Timorese

living abroad. Based on the Council of Ministers' dispatch, STAE has sent staff to Australia and Portugal to organize voter registration for the Timorese nationals in these two countries.

"STAE has delegated two staff to Portugal and the other two to Australia to open electoral registration on 3 December 2016," said Director-General of STAE, Mr. Acilino Manuel Branco.

Video for Korea partnership



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Video for UNDP-Korea partnership on Electoral & Legal Assistance for Social Inclusion focusing on Youth and Women in Timor-Leste:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhWgIA5xSLI>

Good luck in your new journey, Mr. Imamura

It is with mixed feelings that we announce the departure of our staff, Mr. Tatsuya Imamura. He served as an intern for the democratic governance unit as well as



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the electoral project for 9 months. Mr. Imamura has



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contributed a lot to the success of this project. We acknowledge his efforts and thank him for the unconditional commitment and dedication throughout his assignment. On behalf of ev-

everyone at UNDP Timor-Leste, we would like to wish Mr. Imamura the best of success in future challenges and endeavors.

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