



**REPÚBLICA DEMOCRÁTICA DE TIMOR-LESTE
CONSELHO PARA A DELIMITAÇÃO DEFINITIVA DAS FRONTEIRAS MARÍTIMAS**

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Message to the Distinguished Members of the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan

I understand from my dear friend, former SRSG Mr. Hasegawa, that the Global Peacebuilding Association of Japan is holding a special session on the outcome of the national assembly elections held on May 12 in Timor-Leste.

It is my privilege to take this opportunity to convey to you that the leaders of Timor-Leste are firmly committed to the principle of democratic governance. Since the restoration of our independence, Timor-Leste has become international success story as our people have developed a nation of tolerance and respect for the rule of law and democratic principles.

Following the result of the peaceful and successful elections in Timor-Leste, a new government will soon be formed that will work hard to meet our development goals and build a strong, stable and prosperous nation. While we have achieved so much already, we must continue to develop our country and honour the sacrifices of our long struggle for independence.

Timor-Leste has been fortunate to enjoy a strong and enduring relationship with Japan which has proven to be our close partner in the development of our nation. We look forward to continuing to work together in a spirit of solidarity and to welcoming the many Japanese people to Timor-Leste as our true friends.


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