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## Local Daily News

**May 24, 2017**

### **\*TL bestows medal to an American congressman**

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, May 24, 2017 language source: Tetun*

The State of Timor-Leste on Tuesday (23/5) officially bestowed "Order Timor Medal to US Congressman, Antonio Tony Cabral as he had fought for the country's independence. Prime Minister Rui Maria de Araujo said decision on bestowal of the medal was made based on the Decree Law number 20/2009 by the President of the Republic, Taur Matan Ruak. Mr. Araujo affirmed that actually the medal was bestowed in the commemoration of the country's independence restoration day, but it did not happen due to the delay of Mr. Cabral trip to the country. Mr. Cabral is currently continuing to fight for the Timorese people's rights to maritime border.

### **\*TL shares experiences with G7+ member states**

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, May 24, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Timor-Leste yesterday shared experienced on electoral process, family health and fisheries with G7+ state members during the last day of the international conference. In his speech marking the closing ceremony of the conference, Prime Minister Rui Maria de Araujo said this program would help facilitate those countries out of post conflict. Mr. Araujo affirmed that the health program found that 70% of populations living in rural areas were difficult to get access to the health services. The Government of Timor-Leste also shared its experiences with the member states on natural resources management.

### **\*UN pledges to continue support Timor-Leste**

*\*Televisaun Timor-Leste, May 24, 2017 language source: Tetun*

The United Nations Special Envoy, Hau Liang Su on Tuesday (23/5) met with the President of the Republic, Francisco "Lu-Olo" Guterres transmitting the US Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' message to the president of the republic. During the meeting, the president of the republic and the UN special envoy talking about the development and the increase of unemployment in South East Asia's tiny nation. After the meeting, the UN Special envoy said the UN would continue to support Timor-Leste in resolving the unemployment problem in the country. "There are a lot of issues that we discussed during the meeting. There have been challenges, but the development process goes well. We also talked on the unemployment as many young Timorese are unemployed," he said.

### **\*Australian embassy offers fund to APCTL**

*\*Televisaun Timor-Leste, May 24, 2017 language source: Tetun*

The Australian Embassy in Timor-Leste has officially handed over a bank check [cheque] to APCTL with total amount of US 60.000. Representative of the Australian Embassy said she was very pleased with APCTL's work as it had helped empower the Timorese women. Ms. Joana Lee said she was confident that the organization would manage the money properly for helping the Timorese women. Meanwhile, director for APCTL said the funding support by the Australian Government would help improve women of the country living in rural areas' lives economically.

### **\*New Timor-Leste heart disease program 'saving lives' with penicillin injections**

*\*Independente, May 24, 2017*

It is said to be a disease affecting only the most disadvantaged people in the world. A condition that is entirely preventable called rheumatic heart disease (RHD), but which like in impoverished countries in Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia, is continuing to impact the lives Timorese people. And often it has fatal consequences. While the actual number of how many lives are lost and impacted by RHD in Timor-Leste is not known, researchers from a new joint Timor-Leste and Australia RHD health program believe there could be up to 10,000 young Timorese with the illness. But while the numbers are concerning, the message being pushed in the health program is simple: the disease is preventable with regular penicillin injections. "I feel like we have just reached the tip of the iceberg and there's a whole lot more rheumatic heart disease in Timor-Leste than what we've been able to detect with a moderately sized screening program," Josh Francis from the Menzies School of Health Research told the ABC. After six months of the health program 1,500 children at schools in Dili, and Ermera have been successfully tested. About 50 were found to have undiagnosed rheumatic heart disease. By working to identify Timorese patients with mild or moderate levels of RHD, and then ensuring they receive monthly penicillin injections to stop the progression of the disease, health workers say lives can be saved.

### **\*UN supports Timor-Leste combating malnutrition**

*\*Independente, May 24, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

The United Nations (UN) for Asia Pacific Region is supporting Timor-Leste to combat malnutrition in the country. To strengthen the cooperation, the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Asia Pacific, Haoliang Xu met with Timor-Leste's President, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo at Presidential Palace in Aitarak Laran, Dili yesterday (23/05). "We discussed about the importance of nutrition education in Timor-Leste and a campaign to increase people's awareness," Haoliang Xu told journalists after meeting with Lu-Olo at Presidential Palace in Aitarak Laran, Dili.

### **\*MAP issues a license to Best Seafood Company to fish in Timor Sea**

*\*Independente, May 24, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP) has issued a license to Best Seafood Company to deploy three vessels to fish in Timor-Leste's southern coast. "They have contributed \$870,000 to the state income and we cooperates with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to monitor their movement in Timor Sea," MAP's Director-General, Acacio Guterres told journalists at Dili Convention Center in Dili yesterday (23/05). He added MAP issued the license based on Timor-Leste's existing law and Best Seafood Company could only deploy three fishing vessels to fish in southern coast.

## **\*UN notes Timor-Leste facing unemployment and malnutrition problems**

*\*Diario, May 24, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

The United Nations (UN) Assistant Secretary-General for Asia Pacific, Haoliang Xu says Timor-Leste is facing two big issues; unemployment and malnutrition. To support Timor-Leste overcome these problems, Haoliang Xu met with President of the Republic, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo Tuesday (23/05) at Presidential Palace in Aitarak laran, Dili. "We discussed about two big issues in Timor-Leste; unemployment and malnutrition. Many young Timorese are unemployed and Timor-Leste still has big number of malnutrition," Haoliang Xu told journalists after meeting with Lu-Olo.

## **\*KAK notifies ADN staffs suspecting of receiving bribe**

*\*Timor Post, May 24, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

Anti Corruption Commission (KAK) has sent notification letters to four staffs of National Development Agency (ADN) who are suspected of receiving bribes from road construction projects. These staffs are suspected of receiving bribes from the road construction projects in Aileu, Viqueque and Dili. "On Monday (22/05) KAK notified four ADN staffs regarding bribery cases in road construction project," a confirmed source told Timor Post yesterday (23/05). In addition, ADN Director, Rui Da Costa recognized that KAK notified some of his staffs, but it was normal and ADN staffs used to cooperate with KAK to clarify certain cases.

## **\*Taur is new rival to Xanana and Alkatiri**

*\*Suara Timor Lorosa'e, May 24, 2017 Language Source: Tetun*

Timor-Leste is multiparty country, but figures still dominate and determinate a political party's success in elections in Timor-Leste. In the upcoming parliamentary election, the involvement of former President of the Republic, Taur Matan Ruak in political party will enliven Timor-Leste's political stage. CNRT party runs with Xanana Gusmão, FRETILIN with Mari Alkatiri, and Taur Matan Ruak is running with newly formed party, People's Liberation Party (PLP) and he becomes new rival to CNRT and FRETILIN in next parliamentary election. According to political observer, Victor Soares, Timor-Leste has many parties run for the upcoming parliamentary elections, but Timorese people usually don't see the programs of the parties, but the figure in the party. "CNRT with Xanana Gusmão, FRETILIN with Alkatiri, and now Taur Matan Ruak runs with PLP as new rival of the two big parties in the upcoming legislative election," Victor Soares told Suara Timor Lorosae (STL) in Caicoli, Dili Tuesday (23/05/2017).

## **\*G7+ Conference, TL shares election and health experiences**

*\*Suara Timor Lorosa'e, May 24, 2017 Language Source: Tetun*

The G7+'s Global Conference gives an opportunity to Timor-Leste to share its experiences, especially on election, health and Timor sea resources management to other fragile and post-conflict states. "We shares our experiences about election activity with speaker, Deputy Minister for State Administration and Territorial Management, Tomas Cabral, especially about how to organize a democratic and credible election," Prime Minister, Rui Maria de Araujo told journalists at Government Palace Tuesday (23/05/2017). He added besides election, Timor-Leste also shared its experiences health and Timor sea resources control and management.

## **May 23, 2017**

### **\*Lu-Olo pledges to ensure sustainable development**

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, May 23, 2017 language source: Tetun*

The President of the Republic, Francisco "Lu-Olo" Guterres has pledged to work harder in order to ensure sustainable development in Timor-Leste. The president made the comments during his speech marking the opening of G7+ conference on Monday (22/5) at Dili Convention Center. Mr. Lu-Olo said the sustainable development would begin with education, health, public administration and other relevant programs of the Government using the country's state budget. "I would like to say that I have a promise that I wish to ensure sustainable development in the country," he said.

### **\*PM Araujo calls on civil society and academics to analyze Govt's financial report**

*\*Televisaun Timor-Leste, May 23, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Rui Maria de Araujo has called on civil society organizations and academics to make analyses on the report of the Government on human capital development. The prime minister made the comments during the ceremony of launching the Government's five-year report on human capital development. During his speech marking the ceremony, PM Araujo also questioned, the training result, which FDCH had as it was done based on the state budget. In response, Executive Director for FDCH, Ismenio Martins said human capital development was established to focus on capacitating the country's human resources.

### **\*Australia's MP and ME visit SENAI training center**

*\*Televisaun Timor-Leste, May 23, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Australia's members the Parliament and minister for education paid a short notice visit to the SENAI Training center to take a look closer at the activities of the referred training center. Speaking to journalists, Secretary of State for Professional Training and Employment Policy said the visit would strengthen the two countries' bilateral cooperation in the future. "The visit is to take a look closer at students learning English in the training center and is part of the Australian Government's commitment on the English training course," said Elidio Ximenes.

### **\*Xanana's absence at Presidential Inauguration, raising questions about allegiance**

*\*Independente, May 23, 2017*

The absence of Xanana Gusmão on the main podium during the presidential inauguration on Friday night has raised questions about the popular leader's allegiance with the out-going President Taur Matan Ruak. The Minister of Planning and Strategic Investment was visible when he spoke from the podium during the unveiling of a statue to honor Timor-Leste's first President, Francisco Xavier Do Amaral, but uncharacteristically away from the spotlight for the remainder of the ceremony. Attending members of government were divided about whether the typically high profile Gusmão was even at the inauguration. Dionisio Babo Soares, the Minister of State Administration and Territorial Management, said he did not know if Gusmão was attending. However, Aderito Hugo Da Costa, the President of the National Parliament, confirmed he was at the ceremony but "the public did not see him." Based on the observations from Independente, Gusmão was absent among the high profile delegation of veterans and leaders. Jornal Independente's attempts to confirm Gusmão's presence went unanswered at the time of print. In the upcoming parliamentary election, Ruak is expected to run with his newly formed People's Liberation Party. If PLP win, Ruak will follow in the footsteps of Gusmão and Jose Ramos Horta who both held president and prime minister posts.

## **\*China welcomes new Timor-Leste President**

*\*Independente, May 23, 2017*

Chinese President, Xi Jinping on Saturday exchanged congratulatory messages with the new President of Timor-Leste, Fransisco Guterres Lu-Olo, on the 15th anniversary of Timor-Leste's Restoration of Independence and the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries. Xi said in his message that China and Timor-Leste were "friendly neighbors," citing deepening political mutual trust and pragmatic cooperation. The Chinese President said he valued the development of relations between China and Timor-Leste, and was ready to work with Lu-Olo to push forward bilateral ties to benefit the two countries' people. In his acceptance speech, Lu-Olo singled out China as a country whose relationships with Timor-Leste had expanded in the past 15 years. He said that the Chinese envoy's presence at his inauguration ceremony showed the friendly ties and close friendship between the two countries and the two peoples. Zhang Ping, the special envoy of Chinese President Xi Jinping, attended the presidential inauguration ceremony as well as the celebration of 15th Anniversary of Timor-Leste's Restoration of Independence in Dili on May 19 – 20. Lu-Olo reiterated his readiness to lift the bilateral relations to a new stage, saying he believed that the two countries, sharing common visions and goals in promoting peace and stability, would become partners in making these goals come true.

## **\*Govt extends condolence to Mario Carrascalão's family**

*\*Independente, May 23, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

The Timorese Govt is sad when hearing the news of former Deputy Prime Minister, Mario Viegas Carrascalão's passing away. On behalf of the Timorese Government, Prime Minister, Rui Maria De Araujo extended condolence to the prominent leader's family, friends and colleagues and honored his contribution to the country. "We are sincerely sad when hearing the news of the energetic and pragmatic leader's passing away, he have served this country wholeheartedly. We extend our profound condolence to family of Carrascalão in this difficult moment," the Government Spokesperson, Agio Pereira said as cited in government's portal. Mr. Carrascalão was a former National Parliament member and in 2008's government reshuffle, he was appointed as Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister of State Administration and Management.

## **\*Timor-Leste shares experiences of peace to fragile countries**

*\*Independente, May 23, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

The United Nations (UN) Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres thanked the Timor-Leste for hosting a global conference to share experiences to fragile countries in the world about peace and stability. In the conference with theme "A Roadmap for SDGs in Fragile and Conflict Affected States" officially opened by President of Timor-Leste, Francisco Guterres Lu-Olo yesterday (22/05) at Dili Convention Center. "Timor-Leste is one of the countries in the world which ratified Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 Agenda, it shows our commitment to global agenda for development and the implementation of SDGs," Lu-Olo said in his speech when opening the conference. In the opening ceremony, the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres delivered his message through a recorded video which presented by Director of UNDP for Asia and Pacific Regions, Haoliang Xu to express his gratitude to Timor-Leste for hosting the conference and sharing its experiences with other fragile countries. "I would like to thank Timor-Leste for hosting the conference and sharing its valuable experiences. Agenda 2030 is opted not to let anyone get behind, to let them come first," UN Secretary-General said in the video.

## **\*SDGs Global Conference shows commitment to combat poverty**

*\*Timor Post, May 23, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

The Timorese Government and the organization of fragile countries, G7+ organized a global conference of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2013 Agenda to show commitment of fragile countries to combat poverty. The conference is held at Dili Convention Center from May 22 – 23, 2017 and participated by 20 fragile countries and it is also participated by the Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Portuguese-Speaking Countries Community (CPLP) members, Pacific Development Forum, Secretariat of G7+ and the Timorese Government. "Every year, we prepare our state budget and action plan which follows SDGs principles," Prime Minister, Rui Maria De Araujo said in a press conference after participating in the conference yesterday (22/05) at Dili Convention Center.

## **\*Timorese scholarship recipients in Cabo Verde are assaulted**

*\*Timor Post, May 23, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

Last Saturday (20/05), around 2am local time, a group of unknown people assaulted Timorese scholarship recipients' residence. These unknown people run away after getting hard resistance from the students and the students reported the incident to local police and police arrived at the scene of crime to investigate the incident. Minister of Education, Antonio Da Conceição said he had received the information and recognized a group of unknown people attacked the Timorese students and wanted to kill one of the students. "In the early morning, they tried to kill one of the students named Acacio and wanted to rob the students," Minister Da Conceição told journalists at his office in Vila Verde, Dili yesterday (22/05).

## **\*China appreciates Timor-Leste's development, Hugo**

*\*Timor Post, May 23, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

National Parliament (PN) President, Aderito Hugo said the Chinese Government appreciated the development progress in Timor-Leste in the last 15 years. "The Chinese Government appreciates the rapid development progress in Timor-Leste even though Timor-Leste," Hugo told PN last Friday at PN after meeting with the Chinese special envoy visiting Timor-Leste to participate in Timor-Leste's President Inauguration (19/05). He said in the meeting, Deputy President of the Assembly of Republic Popular of China expressed his satisfaction regarding the result of Timor-Leste and China's cooperation in the last 15 years.

## **\*No significant result, Mari Alkatiri questions SDGs programs**

*\*Diario: May 23, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

The President of Oecusi Ambeno Special Administrative Region Authority (RAEOA), Mari Alkatiri, preoccupies about the United Nations (UN)'s program of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 Agenda because UN has many programs, but those programs have no significant results. "I am getting used to program from United Nations (UN) which has no significant result, so I am doubtful with SDGs," Mari Alkatiri told journalists after participating in the global conference on SDGs Agenda 2030 organized by the Timorese Government and g7+ at Dili Convention Centre on Monday (22/05/2017). In addition, Non Governmental Organization (NGO) La'o Hamutuk Representative, Juvinal Dias considered SDGs as good policies, but people failed in its implementation.



## **\*PN gives last homage to prominent leader Mario Carrascalão**

*\*Diario: May 23, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

National Parliament (PN) on Monday (22/5/2017) paid last honor to the late Mario Viegas Carrascalão, one of Timor-Leste's prominent leaders who killed in fatal car crash in Dili last Friday. The Chief of Fretili Mudansa Bench, Jose Luis Guterres said PN paid last honor to Mario Carrascalão to recognize his contribution the country and its people for years. "Your determination to combat corruption, we think the young generations that you (Mario Carrascalão) have helped forming will continue your fight to combat corruption in the country," Jose Luis Guterres said in his speech when paying honor to the late former Deputy Prime Minister. In addition, Democratic Party (PD) Bench member, Adriano do Nascimento said Mario Carrascalão was one of Timorese historical leader who always stood by Timorese people in harder situations and struggled with people until Timor-Leste got its independence.

## **May 22,2017**

### **\*Timor-Leste's prominent leader Carrascalão killed in car crash**

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, May 22, 2017 language source: Tetun*

One of Timor-Leste's prominent leaders, Mario Viegas Carrascalão killed in a fatal traffic accident in the Timorese Capital Dili. A medical staff working at the country's National Hospital of Guido Valadares (HNGV) said the ex-governor of East Timor died not because of the car crash, but it was caused by heart attacks. Deputy Dili Police Commander, Euclides Belo said before the accident, Carrascalão who was the ex-deputy Prime Minister of Timor-Leste hit a man riding motorbike.

### **\*Timor-Leste moves forward to its development: PM Araujo**

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, May 22, 2017 language source: Tetun*

Prime Minister Rui Maria de Araujo said Timor-Leste was a post conflict country, but since that it moved its development forward. Mr. Araujo made the comments during a press conference, which was held last Friday at the Palace of the Government. He affirmed that in order to concretize its sustainable development, Timor-Leste was planning to hold a two-day international conference in Dili. Mr. Araujo affirmed that G7+ was in cooperation with the Government of Timor-Leste to realize the referred international conference.

### **\*Australia accepts political negotiation, says Horta**

*\*Radio Timor-Leste, May 22, 2017 language source: Tetun*

The ex-President of the Republic, Jose Ramos Horta said Australia accepted political negotiation between Timor-Leste and Australia regarding the two countries' maritime boundary issue. Speaking to journalists Horta who is the Noble Peace Prize Laureate said Timor-Leste hoped to reach a delimitation agreement in the end of the year. Horta affirmed that once it had reached an agreement of the maritime delimitation, the country would continue making efforts to negotiate with Indonesia regarding its land and maritime border. He added that the Government had also made efforts to contact the international investors to invest once the country explored its own gas and oil fields.

### **\*Lu-Olo pledges to strengthen unity, peace and stability**

*\*Timor Post, May 22, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

The newly swearing in President of Timor-Leste, Fransisco Guterres Lu-Olo has pledged to strengthen unity, peace and stability including fighting for Timorese people's prosperity. "I will try hard to keep national unity, peace, stability and the state's normal functions. I will represent Timor-Leste with dignity to my people and also to other countries," Lu-Olo declared after swearing in as the fourth President of the Republic in Tasi-Tolu, Dili on May 20, 2017. He also thanked and congratulated Timorese people for the celebration of Timor-Leste's Independence Restoration Day which fell on May 20, 2017.

### **\*Taur Matan Ruak elects as PLP's President**

*\*Timor Post, May 22, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

Former President of Timor-Leste, Taur Matan Ruak is elected as President of the new political party, Partidu Libertasaun Popular (PLP) in the last day of PLP's first national congress on Saturday (20/05). PLP organized its first congress on May 18 – 20, 2017 and the congress elected Taur Matan Ruak as the party's President. "Now I am a former president and during my tenure as President of Timor-Leste, I had been visiting 442 villages and I know what difficulties that Timorese people face that is why I am eying Prime Minister Post now, so please vote for PLP in the upcoming parliamentary election, vote for changes. Do not miss the opportunity because we have wasted our time in the last 17 years and let's move forward with PLP," Taur Matan Ruak said in his speech after being elected as PLP's President at Delta Nova Hall, Komoro, Dili.

### **\*Thailand strengthens cooperation with Timor-Leste in four sectors**

*\*Timor Post, May 22, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

The Thai Government through its Minister for Foreign Affairs, Don Pramudwinai has pledged to strengthen its cooperation with Timor-Leste in agriculture and fisheries, health and education sectors. "Their cooperation focuses on areas of agriculture, fisheries, health and education sectors," Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Hernani Coelho said at Government Palace after accompanying Thailand's Minister for Foreign Affairs met with Prime Minister, Rui Maria De Araujo last Friday (19/05). After meeting with Prime Minister, Minister Don Pramudwinai observed directly the agriculture program called Economic Sufficiency which supports farmers to develop their farm to sustain their family and respond to nutrition and food security.

### **\*UN appreciates Timor-Leste's stability and development progress**

*\*Timor Post, May 22, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

The United Nations (UN) appreciates Timor-Leste's stability and development progress in the last 15 years. "UN is accompanying all progress in Timor-Leste since the referendum process and the state's reconstruction after referendum, therefore, UN really appreciates the last 15 years, Timor-Leste could consolidate stability and promote progress in Timor-Leste," UN Secretariat Office Chief, Maria Luiza told journalists after meeting with Prime Minister, Rui Maria De Araujo at Government Palace in Dili last Friday (19/05). Maria Luiza and her delegation were visiting Timor-Leste to participate in the inauguration of Timor-Leste's fourth President, Fransisco Guterres Lu-Olo on May 20, 2017.

## **\*Timor-Leste hosts g7+ conference on SDGs**

*\*Suara Timor Lorosae, May 22, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

Timor-Leste hosts an international conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) under cooperation with g7+ member countries. "G7+ cooperates with Timor-Leste which also a founder of G7+ Organization (an organization of fragile countries from Asia, Pacific, Africa and Middle East) to conduct a global conference on SDGs with theme "Global Conference on the 2030, agenda; a Roadmap for SDGs in Fragile and Conflict Affected States" at Dili Convention Center on May 22 – 23, 2017," G7+ Secretary-General, Helder Da Costa told STL in Surikmas, Dili last Saturday (20/05). He added the conference would be participated by 250 participants from Asia, Africa, Europe and America to talk about the implementation of G7+'s Strategic Plan under the context of fragile and post-conflict countries.

## **\*Indonesian President, Jokowi congratulates Lu-Olo**

*\*Diario, May 22, 2017 Language source: Tetun*

Indonesian President, Joko Widodo (Jokowi) congratulates Timor-Leste's President, Fransisco Guterres Lu-Olo through an official phone call last Saturday (20/02) after Lu-Olo was sworn in as Timor-Leste's fourth President. Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Hernani Coelho said after welcoming official visits from several countries' representatives, Lu-Olo received a phone call from Indonesian President, Jokowi to congratulate President Lu-Olo and Timorese people and apologize for not participating in Lu-Olo's inauguration ceremony. "They talk about strengthening Indonesia and Timor-Leste's Cooperation and President Jokowi invited President Lu-Olo to visit Indonesia," Minister Coelho said at Presidential Palace last Saturday.

## **\*UE offers \$2 million to MAP**

*\*Independente, May 22, 2017 Language Source: Tetun*

European Union (UE) has offered \$2.185 million to Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAP) to support Timorese people facing El Nino. The fund is offered through a ceremony of signing an agreement between EU Ambassador to Timor-Leste, Alexander Leitão and Minister for MAP, Estanislau da Silva and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)'s Representative, Mark Smulders. Minister Estanislau said he appreciated EU's financial support to MAP to implement a project called service with FAO during two years namely "Reinforcing Resilience through Drought-Affected-Community's Actions" "This project is to reduce bad post-harvest, improve agro-forest including defining planning to reduce natural disaster risks and improve resilience ability of affected community in Baucau, Viqueque, Manatutu, Ainaro, Lautem, Covalima and Manufahi," Minister Estanislau informed after signing the agreement at MAP's Office in Komoro, Dili Thursday (18/05). At the same place EU's Ambassador, Alexandre Leitão said Timor-Leste should have an agriculture which preserved quality of the soil and resource to continue producing under bad climate condition.

## **\*Lu-Olo sworn in as fourth President of Timor-Leste**

*\*Independente, May 22, 2017 Language Source: Tetun*

Against the historic backdrop of Tasi-Tolu, Francis 'Lu-Olo' Guterres, 62, was officially inaugurated on Friday as the fourth President of Timor-Leste. In the place where thousands of Timorese people have sought refuge during Indonesian occupation, and where in 2002 the government formally proclaimed its independence, Lu-Olo encourage Timorese people to pay tribute to those that brought the country its freedom, but to join him to work ahead. In the 12-years inauguration ceremony on the eve marking of country's independence, the new president claimed a mandate to "preside over the destiny of the nation". "We should be proud of so much that has been done during the last 15 years, but we should be aware that there is still much to be done," he told the crowd. The new president said his administration would push for greater exposure of the country on the world stage, defending its hard won sovereignty, but fostering relationships with new and key allies. He also singled out bringing an end to the long-running and often bitter maritime border dispute with its neighbor Australia to access the estimated \$40 billion oil and gas reserves in the Timor Sea.