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AIR TIMOR CHARTERS ATR72 FROM TRANSNUSA TO OPERATE DIRECT FLIGHTS TO KUPANG



Aircraft ATR 72-600

Passenger Capacity ATR 72 : 70 Economy Class

Route and Schedule Three times a week : Monday |Wednesday | Friday

Dili, 24 November 2017... Air Timor announced today the launch of the direct International flights from Dili to Kupang three times a week (every Monday, Wednesday and Friday) starting 15 December 2017. The charter flights will be utilizing an ATR72-600 from Indonesian operator Transnusa Aviation Mandiri providing 70 seats with an all economy configuration. The announcement was made by Air Timor Director Francisco de Oliveira in at an Agent Presentation Session in the Maubara Room of Timor Plaza in Dili.

"These flights have been long awaited by the community of Timor-Leste and have received tremendous support from the members of the community and the local government" Francisco stated. "It is expected the flights will foster the strong community ties between Indonesia and Timor-Leste, increase the economic growth for both regions and represents the first steps towards the realization of all efforts under the Trilateral agreement between Timor-Leste, Indonesia and Australia. These flights will pave the way for further development and strengthen ties between the three nations" he added.

Air Timor has been in negotiations with TransNusa since early May 2017 for a charter arrangement and further concluded a contract in June that will allow Air Timor to fully charter the ATR72 and service this route upon completion of all necessary government regulations and requirements. Route analysis and operational surveys were also completed and done by early September.

"We are proud to announce that Flight Approvals have been received from the Indonesian DGCA and AACTL Timor-Leste which will now permit us to open sales of tickets for these routes" added Andisuari Dewi, General Manager of Air Timor. "Fares will start from as low as US\$ 45 + taxes per sector and will be available from our website for online bookings, our office at the airport or any of the registered Travel agents in Dili".

These flights are expected to provide a much more convenient means to travel from Dili to Kupang as the flying time is only 50 minutes, while the more traditional land travel requires over 10 hours. Cargo will also be available on these flights.

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NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNERS MENTORING YOUTH TO CHANGE THE WORLD

"Timorese changemakers look to the past to build a peaceful future!"

Dili, Timor-Leste – At times of uncertainty it is everyone's responsibility to create peace. This year more than 200 Timorese young people are joining together to spread peace through a two-day youth leadership conference, PeaceJam. The theme of this year's conference is looking at the past to build a peaceful future.

On the 29th and 30th of November the 4th PeaceJam event in Timor-Leste will take place at the National Chega Center. This year PeaceJam, the organization famous for the #billionactsofpeace campaign, is working together with the Rotaract Club of Dili, NGO Ba Futuru, the National Chega Center, and the Secretary of State for Youth and Work to make this happen. The main event sponsor, Brian Kelly, is the founder and CEO of The Points Guy (TPG), a digital platform renowned worldwide for all points, miles and travel related tips. Kelly brought a film crew to Timor-Leste (although he himself didn't make it due to the volcanic ash in Bali) in order to help promote Timor-Leste as a tourism destination.

PeaceJam is an international peace education non-profit that has been nominated 9 times for the Nobel Peace Prize for its award-winning curriculum and transformational youth leadership conferences. For 20 years, PeaceJam has inspired youth leaders worldwide in 39 countries to greatly impact their communities through social action projects. After identifying an issue, the young people create service projects and receive mentoring from a Nobel Peace Prize winner.

PeaceJam's Billion Acts Campaign is led by 14 Nobel Peace Laureates, including José Ramos-Horta, The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu and other Nobel Peace Prize winners who have worked with the PeaceJam to mentor over 1.2 million youth worldwide.

The Timor-Leste conference this year has dynamic speakers including Jose Neves (Deputy Minister of Education and Culture and former political prisoner), Nivio Magalhaes (Secretary of State for Youth and Labor), Nurima Alkatiri (Member of Parliament, Fretilin), Fidelis Magalhaes (Member of Parliament, PLP) and Naldo Rei (activist, author and former political prisoner).

This year the conference includes action projects and workshops with the support of Peace Corps Timor-Leste, Dili International School, Water Aid, Marie Stopes, UNDP's Knuu Juventude Fila Liman entrepreneurship program, as well as Cesar Trinito Freitas Gaio of Dilicious; Cristina Costa Ribeiro, founder of the Saint Anthony's International School; Sierra James, founder of NGO Ba Futuru; and environmental activist Jafet Potenzo Lopes, among others! Join us and see what it is all about!



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SPORTS

Lewis Hamilton on Vettel, Alonso, Verstappen, winning a fourth title & his future

Lewis Hamilton is talking about his rivals, and sharing the sort of information Formula 1 drivers usually like to keep to themselves. "We're the four strongest drivers," he says, referring to himself, McLaren's Fernando Alonso, Red Bull's Max Verstappen and his erstwhile title rival Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari. "I really hope we are all in the fight next year. It would be friggin' amazing." In the year in which he became a four-time world champion, and unquestionably Britain's most successful grand prix driver, Hamilton has had battles with all of them, mostly robust but sportsmanlike. And occasionally, in Vettel's case, not. How does he approach a contest with them? "You look at them all slightly differently," he says. "They all have different characteristics. Sebastian, for example, from this year, you could say: 'Give more space.' Not in a negative way. 'Max - takes a lot of risks. Also you have to give more space but he is more inexperienced than the other guys. 'Fernando - toughest driver there is, so you have to keep that utmost respect for each other but you've really got to play your cards right.' Does he feel he can race physically closer with Alonso than with the others? "It seems so," Hamilton says, thinking back to their side-by-side scrap through five corners in Mexico last month, where he clinched the title. "He was very hard and tough but fair. Friggin' heck - his race-craft is mighty. "But Max's race-craft is very impressive. He's doing wonderful things but he is going to grow so much over the next 10 years. I don't think it will be a problem, it'll just be freaking tough. "Wouldn't that be a fight? Even I'd pay to see that." BBC

