

The Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste held cultural events in Dili, Aileu and Ainaro Districts from February 17 to 20 as the final commemorative event of the 10th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations between Timor-Leste and Japan, which was established on May 20 in 2002.



The cultural events were arranged by Mr. Ego Lemos, one of the most prominent musicians and environmentalists in Timor-Leste, and a national member of the UNESCO commission in Timor-Leste. He entitled the cultural events as "*Care for the Environment and Create Cultural Relations*". In his generous cooperation with the Embassy, eight Japanese and six Timorese musicians showed their music performances to

promote the friendship and solidarity between Timor-Leste and Japan through the two cultures.



The main concert was held at the Dili Convention Center (ex-Merkado Lama) on February 17, inviting the public and Foreign Minister Jose Luis Guterres and Tourism Minister Francisco Kalbuadi Lay, and being filmed the concert by Ms. Lena Lenzen, Film Director at the Pixelasia Productions Dili.

In addition to the music performances, the Japanese musicians conducted workshops on environmental conservation at the Aileu Science and Technology Institute (ASTI) and the Maubisse District Center in cooperation with Japanese NGO PARCIC.



At ASTI, many ASTI students and teachers, and the Aileu community people including district administration officers and police officers participated in the workshop and concert and fostered unity among the people of Japan and Timor-Leste. In the Maubisse District Center, many coffee farmers who work with PARCIC enjoyed the workshop based on the Ainu culture and the concert by the Japanese and Timorese musicians.

