

December 2, 2013

The Embassy of Japan held the National Day Reception celebrating the Emperor's Birthday with the attendance of H.E. Mr. Vincente da Silva Guterres, President of the National Parliament.

The reception started off by national anthems of both Japan and Timor-Leste sung by participants of JENESYS and KIZUNA program.

Ambassador Hanada gave a speech, followed by a speech and toast by H.E. Mr. Guterres, President of the National Parliament.

Then, Aikido Federation members, including our Japan Oversea Cooperation Volunteer member who teaches Aikido as self-defense method at PNTL, demonstrated Aikido and JENESYS and KIZUNA participants performed a few songs.

At the reception, in cooperation with Japanese NGOs, panels and sample products were displayed to introduce activities by Japanese NGOs in Timor-Leste.

High level government officials of Timor-Leste, UN officials, and members of diplomatic corps were among the distinguished guests who attended the reception.