

Press Release

Ambassador of Japan awards the Ambassador's Certificate of Commendation to
Dr. Eng Hidehiko Kazama and the Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology
of National University of Timor Lorosa'e for the great contribution to promoting
mutual understanding and friendship between Timor-Leste and Japan

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Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Yoshitaka Hanada awards the Ambassador's Certificate of Commendation to Dr. Eng. Hidehiko Kazama, Chief Advisor/Engineering Education, Project for the Capacity Development of the Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology, the National University of Timor-Lorosa'e and to the Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology of National University of Timor Lorosa'e for the outstanding contribution for promoting mutual understanding and friendship between Timor-Leste and Japan.

The Government of Japan has been cooperating with the Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology of UNTL since 2001. The first project Japan assisted was the Urgent Rehabilitation of Grant Aid from 2001 to 2003. Japan dispatched several experts in order to enhance teaching capacity of lecturers from 2003 to 2005. Japan implemented a technical cooperation project called CADETES, "Capacity Development for Teaching Staff in Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology of UNTL" from 2006 to 2010, which was a booster in order to enhance capacity of teaching, research and faculty management. Most recently, Japan has implemented "Project for Capacity Development of Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology of National University of Timor-Lorosa'e" since February 2011.

Totally 17 students of Department of Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Science and Technology of UNTL learned in Japan and attained academic degrees. They have studied at Saitama University, Yamaguchi University, Gifu University, Nagaoka University of Technology and the University of Electro-Communications in Japan.

Dr. Kazama started his work in Timor-Leste as JICA advisor of Civil Engineering of Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology of UNTL since 2003. Dr. Kazama has contributed as JICA advisor in 2004 and 2007, and as a member of JICA mission in 2005. Dr. Kazama has been appointed as Chief Advisor of above mentioned two projects at UNTL since 2008. Dr. Kazama will serve his duty as Chief Advisor of CADEFEST Project until March, 2016 when the project will be completed.

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