

## Press Release

## The Government of Japan Inaugurated Rehabilitation of Technical Secretariat Post-CAVR

5 December 2013

On December 5, 2013, the Government of Japan jointly held the inauguration ceremony of "The Project for Rehabilitation and Construction of Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat" with the Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat in Dili. The Government of Japan provided US\$116,030 as a grant aid to Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat.

This project was implemented through the scheme of Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects, which aims to promote cultural activities and education as well as socioeconomic development in Timor-Leste. Through this assistance, Post-CAVR could rehabilitate its conference room and other facilities of Technical Secretariat Post-CAVR and upgraded its equipment for their workshops. Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat will expand their activities to organize workshops to share relentless struggles for hard-won independence of Timor-Leste and the experiences of its people. Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat and its new facilities will be the center of the protection of human rights and the consolidation of democracy in Timor-Leste.

The Government of Japan implemented three projects with Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat in 2001, 2004 and 2006 to make progress on post-conflict reconstruction and nation-building. This project marked to accomplish 2<sup>nd</sup> project through Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects by the Government of Japan. H.E. Mr. Yoshitaka Hanada, Ambassador of Japan to Timor-Leste congratulated in his speech the completion of this project and expressed his gratification that the Government of Japan could have been working with Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat as its great partner since the independence of Timor-Leste in 2002.

H.E. Mr. Fernando Lasama de Araujo, Vice Prime Minister and the distinguished guests attended the inauguration ceremony.





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