

**Brief Remarks by Mr. Yoshitaka HANADA, Ambassador to Timor-Leste, at the Graduation Ceremony of “*Project for Auto-Mechanics Training in East Timor Phase III*”**

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Mr. Noriaki Hirasaki, President of JDRAC

Mr. Katsunobu Kotaki Representative of JDRAC

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Good morning,

It is my great pleasure to be here today and attend the graduation ceremony of the auto-mechanic training programs which have been implemented by JDRAC, a Japanese NGO since 2011.

First of all, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all automobile mechanic trainees who completed JDRAC’s auto-mechanic training programs. I hope all of you will find great employment opportunities to bolster the development of Timor-Leste and its private sector. Also, you will contribute to prevent traffic accidents in Timor-Leste through your auto-mechanic skills which you learned in JDRAC training program.

I am very proud to work with JDRAC and DIT for capacity building project, because it has two different objectives for all automobile mechanic trainees. JDRAC had taught the trainees not only auto-mechanic maintenance skill but also the discipline. They learned how to work with and colleagues, being punctual to attend class and measures to keep working environment safe. I consider that both trainings have given you important skills to reinforce your job security for the future.

On this occasion, I would like to extend my gratitude that the National Parliament is going to discuss the act for the establishment of the qualification system of Auto Mechanic License in Timor-Leste with the effort of JDRAC to cooperate with National Institute of Labor Development (INDIMO). Also, I would also like to thank Mr. Estanislau Saldanha, Rector of DIT, Mr. Katsunobu Kotaki,

Representative of JDRAC, and their all staff for welcoming several high-ranking delegations from Japan and showing very effective cooperation. I received reports from Tokyo including Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Japanese Parliamentary members that they were impressed by the good practice and with hospitality of trainees and trainers of this project.

Lastly but not least, I would like to thank JDRAC, the government officials concerned and the people in the community for their strong collaboration and support in implementing this project. It is our sincere hope that we could further contribute to improve the industrial sector in Timor-Leste with better-prepared human resources for the economic growth of Timor-Leste. We look forward to working with the people and the Government of Timor-Leste to further deepen our friendship.

Thank you very much.

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