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The Presidential Election in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
(Statement by Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa)

Japan welcomes the peaceful holding of the presidential elections in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on March 19th and April 19th, and expresses its congratulations on the election of H.E. Mr. José Ramos-Horta as the next President of Timor-Leste. Japan strongly hopes that, under the leadership of the new President, Timor-Leste will achieve further development.

For the election, Japan has supported through UNDP the implementation of COVID-Resilient Elections in Timor-Leste project (approximately 4 million USD), and the staff of the Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste observed the voting process under the framework of election observation set up by the Government of Timor-Leste. Japan will continue to provide all possible support for sustainable national development of Timor-Leste, and make efforts to further strengthen the relationship between the two countries, taking into consideration that this year marks the 20th anniversary of the diplomatic relationship between Japan and Timor-Leste.