

**Brief remarks by H.E. Mr. Yoshitaka HANADA, Ambassador of Japan
at the inauguration ceremony of the Rehabilitation and Construction
of Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat**

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H.E. Mr. Fernando Lasama de Araujo, Vice Prime Minister

It is my great pleasure to be here today to speak at the inauguration ceremony of *“The Project for Rehabilitation and Construction of 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. I am very proud that we have been working with Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat as our great partner since the independence of Timor-Leste in 2002 to strengthen reconciliation activities within communities and enhance consolidating the peace in Timor-Leste through the last 3 projects.

Today is a memorable day to accomplish the 4th project named *“The Project for Rehabilitation and Construction of Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat”* which aims to preserve the historically valuable buildings and to provide the occasion further more for the people of Timor-Leste, especially young generation, to deepen their understanding of the lessons learned from the independence struggles and the importance of peace and stability. I sincerely hope that Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat and its new facilities are going to be a core of the protection of Human Rights and the consolidation of democracy in Timor-Leste.

On this occasion, I would also like to thank Mr. Augustinho de Vasconcelos, Director of Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat, for welcoming several delegations including Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs and Japanese Parliamentary members. I received reports from Tokyo that they were impressed with hospitality of the people of Timor-Leste and Timor-Leste’s strong initiative to reduce disparities within the country and consolidate peace.

Once again, I am honored to be here to accomplish our project. I sincerely hope that new conference room and other equipment will contribute to the people of Timor-Leste and further strengthen the solidarity and friendship between the people of Timor-Leste and Japan.

Thank you very much.

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