

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

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Good morning,

It is my great pleasure to be here today to address the signing ceremony of Grant Contracts for “*The Project for Rehabilitation and Construction of Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat*” with the Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat.

This project is implemented through the scheme of Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects, which the Government of Japan endorses for the first time in its economic cooperation over 10 years in Timor-Leste. This scheme aims to promote cultural activities and education as well as socioeconomic development in developing countries and the Government of Japan approved the project proposal submitted by the Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat. It is my pleasure to implement this first cultural grant cooperation which will show the significant evidence Timor-Leste is making solid efforts towards nation-building in ways that include not only socioeconomic development but culture and educational development as well.

The Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat will rehabilitate its conference room and other facilities to preserve its historical value and to install the equipment for carrying out the workshops in the conference room. It is expected that the Post-CAVR Technical Secretariat will expand their activities to organize the workshops to share the relentless struggles for their hard-won independence and the experiences of the people of Timor-Leste then. I sincerely hope that this project will 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. The Government of Japan is very honored if Post-CAVR will be recognized as a symbol of peace which the people of Timor-Leste obtain with their

perpetual efforts and as an education center for human rights and democracy.

I sincerely hope that this project will contribute to all 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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