

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

18 February, 2013

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Good morning,

It is my great pleasure to be here today and attend the signing ceremony with NGO JDRAC, a Japanese NGO, for the Grant Contracts for the “*Project for Auto-Mechanics Training in East Timor Phase III*”. The Government of Japan will provide approximately US\$360,000 to JDRAC for this project which will be implemented as a continuation to the “*Project for Auto-Mechanics Training in East Timor*” (2011) and the “*Project for Auto-Mechanics Training in East Timor Phase II*” (2012).

Through these projects, JDRAC had provided technical knowledge and skills to the trainees in Dili Institute of Technology (DIT) as well as civilians and public servants on how to maintain automobiles in good condition. These projects contributed for preventing traffic accidents and expanding employment opportunities for the trainees who completed the JDRAC lecture courses.

This project plans to provide automobile maintenance training for twenty five students in total including fifteen civilians. Through the training, the trainees will acquire as much knowledge and skills as the qualified Auto Mechanic Licenses in Japan. In order to ensure sustainability of the project, JDRAC will cooperate with National Institute of Labor Development (INDIMO) to establish the qualification system of Auto Mechanic License in Timor-Leste. I am delighted to cooperate with JDRAC who has been working very hard to enhance the capacity relating to automobile mechanics for the people of Timor-Leste and supporting better automobile maintenance in Dili city for the long-term.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt thank you to JDRAC, the government officials concerned and the people in the community for

their strong collaboration in implementing this project. It is our, the Japanese people's, sincere hope that we could further contribute to improve the industrial sector in Timor-Leste with well-equipped human resources. We will continue to work together hand in hand, and I 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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