



AN E-NEWSLETTER FROM TIMOR-LESTE'S EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON D.C.



## The Twelve Candidates of Presidential Election of The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste 2012/2017

### Calendar

Presidential Election  
March 17 2012.

10 Years of the Restoration  
of Independence  
MAY 20 2012

500 Years of Portuguese  
Arrival  
100 Years of Manufahi  
Revolt

Parliamentary Election  
June 2012

### Facts & Figures

GDP  
(Purchasing Power Parity):  
\$3.051 billion  
(2010 est.)  
Country comparison  
to the world:  
176

### Did you know?

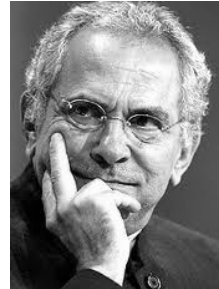
The United Nation will end  
its mission in Timor-Leste  
by December 30, 2012  
For Further information  
please click [here](#).



**Dr. Francisco  
Guterres (Lu-Olo)**



**Sr. Taur Matan  
Ruak**



**Dr. Jose Ramos  
Horta**



**Dr. Abilio Araujo**



**Sr. Rogerio Lobato**



**Sra. Angelita Pires**



**Dr. Fernando  
La Sama**



**Dr. Jose Luis  
Guterres**



**Dr. Lucas Da Costa**



**Sr. Francisco  
Gomes**



**Maria da Silva**



**Dr. Manuel Tilman**

*The Third Presidential Election of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste will take place on March 17th 2012. In case none of the Candidates does not have a 2/3 of the votes necessary to win the election, the second round will take place on the third week of April, 2012.*

*Meet and follow our 12 candidates of this years Election at the [Government of Timor-Leste Web-Site](#).*

## Working visit of Secretary for the Promotion of Equality in Washington D.C.

H.E. Mrs. Idelta Rodrigues visit Washington D.C. in the past February 27 till March 2, 2012 and participated at [2nd World Conference of Women's Shelters](#) where former US President, William Clinton and the Crown Princess of Denmark were also in attendance. For further detail [click here](#). For US former President speech [click here](#).

Her Excellency took the opportunity to meet with H.E. Mrs Melanne Verveer, USA Ambassador-At-Large for Global Women's issue, Mr. Scott Busby, Acting Deputy Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Right and Labor in the US Department of State and she toured the District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH). For pictures of the Shelters [click here](#).



H.E. Mrs. Idelta Rodrigues Secretary of State for the Promotion and Equality with her delegation visit the Embassy of Timor-Leste during her visit to Washington D.C. from 27 February to March 2, 2012.

## Security Council Extends UN presence in Timor-Leste until end of 2012

23 February 2012 the Security Council today extended until the end of 2012 the mandate of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Timor-Leste so that it can continue to help promote peace, stability and development in what is expected to be a very eventful year for the country.

Until its expected departure on December 31, the UN Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) will assist with tasks such as institutional development and capacity-building of the national police, known as the PNTL, as well as provide electoral assistance. For further details please [click here](#).

His Excellency President Jose Ramos Horta and Minister of Finance, Emilia Pires were present at that debate. For H.E. President Ramos-Horta speech please [click here](#).

## H.E. President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Dr. Jose Ramos Horta visit to Los Angeles

For info on H.E. Dr. Jose Ramos-Horta's visit to Los Angeles please visit Timor-Leste [Presidential Web-Page](#).

## H.E. Dr. Francisco Xavier do Amaral East Timor Founding father 1937-2012



Francisco Xavier do Amaral, passed away in the morning of Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from natural causes in hospital Guido Valadares in Dili, Timor-Leste. He was the Father Founding of Independence and the first President of Timor-Leste. He declared Unilateral Independence on the 28th of November 1975, after the decolonization from Portugal.

On March 7, 2012, the body of Dr. Amaral left his residency and passed through the National Parliament and thence to the Hall of the Palacio do President.

The Funeral took place on March 8, 2012 in the Cemetery Garden of Heros, Metinaro, Dili. Dr. Amaral, 75 yrs. Old was also a candidate for the March 17th Presidential Election for the Timorese Social Democratic Association (ASDT). For the Government's Press release [click here](#).

## Consular Information

For information on visa application please write to: [informacao@migracao.gov.tl](mailto:informacao@migracao.gov.tl) or visit [Timor-Leste's Immigration Web site](#).

If you are a Timorese citizen currently living or studying in the United States and have not yet registered at the embassy, please do so by filling up the registration form and send it together with other required documents to Timor-Leste's Embassy in Washington D.C. The registration form and detailed information on required documents can be found at [Consular Section](#) at [TL's Embassy in US Web site](#).