



## Flying the National Flag on Solemn Days

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### The Secretary of State for the Council of Ministers and Official Spokesperson for the Government of Timor-Leste

The National Flag and the National Anthem are the unifying symbols of the Timorese Nation, representing national sovereignty and the independence, unity and integrity of Timor-Leste. As such, they must be respected by all Timorese citizens, regardless of their political convictions, religious beliefs and social oriins.

It is an obligation of the State to ensure that every Timorese citizen throughout the country respects the National Symbols, particularly the National Flag and the National Anthem. This is even more so on Solemn Days associated with important and meaningful dates for the Nation's sovereignty and independence.

Acknowledging that civil servants have a greater responsibility in terms of giving the proper respect to the National Symbols, the Government has decided to Fly the National Flag in all State Agencies and education establishments on 2 February (Falintil-FDTL Day), 27 March, (PNTL Day), 20 August, (FALINTIL Day) and on the first Monday of every month.

The National Flag will be raised on these dates at **8:00 AM, starting next 1 August, in a ceremony to be attended by all civil servants working at the various State Departments, who will sing the National Anthem.**

Any citizens wishing to associate themselves with this initiative are hereby invited to attend the designated places, namely the Government Palace, Ministries, Secretariats of State, education establishments and other State agencies, on the dates above. For more information please click [here](#).

### Calendar

EITI regional conference "Beyond EITI -Timor-Leste transparency model" will take place in August 25-27, 2011

The 3rd Tour de Timor is held on 11—16 September 2011.  
For details please see [here](#)

### Facts & Figures

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

### Did you know?

The world's largest rat was in Timor-Leste  
For an interesting article on the discovery of the largest rat ever lived please see [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](#).

## Scholarship Asia Leaders Programme

The Asia Leaders Programme is a shared initiative of The [Nippon Foundation](#), the UN Mandated University for Peace (UPEACE), and Ateneo de Manila University (AdMU). The objective of the programme is to train young Asian professionals to become peace building practitioners, ready to take up leading positions in their organizations. For more details please visit the [University of Peace](#) or the Embassy's [Facebook](#).

## Launch of Air Timor Line between Timor-Leste & Darwin



President Jose Ramos Horta was in Darwin, Australia on July 25, 2011 to launch the new Air Timor line between Timor-Leste and Darwin, Australia. For President Jose Ramos Horta input on its launching please click [here](#).