



Calendar

Timor-Leste participates at the 2012 Expo Yeosu Korea from [May to August](#).

The headquarters of the Archive & Museum of the Timorese Resistance is inaugurated on [May 20](#).

The parliamentary election will be held on 7 July, 2012. 21 parties will participate in the election.

Timor-Leste Embassy to the United States, Mexico and Canada celebrated the 10th anniversary of the restoration of Independence and the 10th anniversary of diplomatic ties between Timor-Leste and the United States, on 12 June at Carnegie Institute for Science.

Facts & Figures

20th May is the restoration of independence day. This year, Timor-Leste celebrates 10th Anniversary with its 5th President and still as the youngest nation in Asia.

Did you know?

In May 2002, East Timor became the first new sovereign state of the twenty-first century.



Timor-Leste marks 10th anniversary, gets new President

President Ruak is a former guerilla leader and ex-army chief.



Former guerrilla leader and ex-army chief Taur Matan Ruak was to be sworn in as East Timor's 5th president as the young democracy celebrates 10 years of Independence on May 20.

Ruak takes over from Dr. Jose Ramos-Horta, a Nobel laureate after won a run-off election last month that was widely lauded as peaceful and fair.

In his speech, H.E. Taur Matan Ruak has called for 'sweat and hard work' to lift East Timor out of poverty. Taur Matan Ruak also commits himself to the diversification of economy and reducing dependency from abroad and oil.

President Taur Matan Ruak delegated former President Ramos-Horta to attend G20+ meeting in Rio de Janeiro.

President Matan Ruak has nominated the former President Ramos-Horta as his special envoy on this conference. The Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Vice Minister of Economy and Development will accompany him. For further info please [see](#)

Celebrating Ten Years of U.S.-Timor-Leste Diplomatic Relations

On May 20, the United States and Timor-Leste commemorate the tenth anniversary of diplomatic relations. The United States and Timor-Leste have enjoyed an enduring partnership based on shared values that dates to Timor-Leste's independence ten years ago. Please [see](#)

ETAN receives Highest Honor from Timor-Leste

ETAN received the Order of Timor-Leste, the highest award that the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste bestows. Recently-inaugurated President Taur Matan Ruak presented the award to ETAN for their contribution to liberation of the country. For further info please [see](#)

Video message and remarks of commemorating Timor-Leste's Tenth Anniversary and the Inauguration of President

Press statement of Secretary Hillary Clinton in commemorating Timor-Leste's Tenth Anniversary and the Inauguration of President Taur Matan Ruak. For detail info please [see](#)

President Obama Announces Presidential Delegation to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to attend ceremonies commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of Independence and the Inauguration of His Excellency Taur Matan Ruak. Please [see](#)

Pictures of 10th anniversary of Independence



President Obama delegation Nisha Biswal (left) joined U.S. Ambassador Judith R. Fergin (right) in greeting President Taur Matan Ruak.



Former President Jose Ramos Horta (Right) with sworn in President Taur Matan Ruak (left)

**Special Reports on the 10th years of celebration of Restoration of Independence and Diplomatic ties
Between Timor-Leste and the United States of America**

Embassy of Timor-Leste shook off the Nation's Capitol with the warmth and hospitality of Timor-Leste's Culture..

Timor-Leste's Embassy in Washington, D.C celebrated the Tenth Anniversary of Restoration of Independence and the Tenth Anniversary of Diplomatic ties between Timor-Leste and The United States of America, on June 12 at the grand hall of Carnegie Institution for Science. The reception was well attended by high-level guests; The Honorable U.S Senator Jack Reed, The Honorable Joseph Yun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs, Congressional Staff, Brigadier General..... and members of Diplomatic corps. Minister of Finance Emilia Pires and Timorese Ambassador to the U.S. H.E. Constâncio Pinto spoke about the progress and its leadership of the g7+ and also praised the U.S. for its support over the past decade. U.S. Department of State Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Joseph Yun also spoke, commenting on the warmth of the Timorese people that he encountered on his trips to Timor-Leste. Furthermore, he reiterated America's strong support of Timor-Leste's ASEAN membership bid and the strength of Timorese leaders.

The reception concluded with USTL students from the East West Center, Hawaii performing both traditional and modern dances of Timor-Leste. The Cultural Performance brought so much warmth and hospitality of Timor-Leste to the Nation Capital. The guests were surprised with Cultural performance as it was not included in the invitation. They all expressed very positive comments about the reception. Charlie B. Kellet, Program Officer of U.S Department of State said, " The 10th anniversary celebration was a real treat, to be among friends and colleagues all committed to furthering the relationship between our nations. For me, the highlight of the evening was the dancing and singing – you brought island warmth and hospitality to our nation's capitol, and reminded us of the richness of Timor-Leste and the islands."

For more pictures please [see](#)

Pictures of the Reception



The Honorable Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs from U.S State Department giving his speech accompanied by The Honorable Minister of Finance, Emilia Pires (L) and H.E Ambassador Constancio Pinto.



The receiving line to welcome the guests led by H.E Constancio Pinto and his spouse.



'The Honorable Minister of Finance, Emilia Pires is giving her speech accompanied by His Excellency Ambassador Constancio Pinto.



'Timor-Leste and Pacific Students from East West Center, Hawaii performed traditional dances and songs—the highlight of the event-