



EDITION VI – November 2016



Together for a better life for all Timorese

Coffee Plantation at Quinta de Portugal

Events

European Union Ambassador meets President of Parliament

On 14 November, the Ambassador of the European Union, Alexandre Leitão, met with the President of the National Parliament, Adérito Hugo da Costa. The ongoing projects within the EU-TL Cooperation were discussed, in particular the EU's strategic partnership with the National Parliament. The President of the Parliament emphasised the political intention of Timor-Leste to cooperate with other countries and international agencies to contribute to the national development. [Find out more!](#)



European Union assists in strengthening health systems in Timor-Leste

Within the broad scope of the European Union's strategic partnership with the Ministry of Health of Timor-Leste, the "2016 Timor-Leste Flagship Course of Health System Strengthening and Financing" was held in Dili from the 29 November to 3 December. Organised by the World Bank and the University of Melbourne, the initiative aims at building a common understanding about health systems and policy, with a focus on financing options. High-level officials of the Ministry of Health attended the event. [Read more!](#)



Stories from the field

EU supports nutrition activities in Oecusse

Supported by the EU, the Ministry of Health, WFP and Alola Foundation, visited the community of Suni Ufe, Citrana, Oecusse, to talk about the importance of eating a diverse range of food during pregnancy. The EU-funded project "Mother & Child Health & Nutrition" is supporting the Ministry of Health, WFP and Alola Foundation to bring food education to the remotest villages in order to combat malnutrition in Timor-Leste. [Read more!](#)



Pro PALOP-TL SAI Seminar

At the invitation of the National Parliament, Ambassador Alexandre Leitão presented his ideas on the draft of the General State Budget for 2017 on 9 November, in a seminar supported by the EU regional program Pro PALOP-TL SAI. The well-received event brought together line ministries and stakeholders of various organisations like Lao Hamutuk, Rede Feto, UN WOMEN, BNCTL and World Bank. [See the pictures!](#)



EU supports "Improving Government Accountability through Social Audit in Timor-Leste"

On the 30 November, a further step was taken in the partnership between the European Union (EU) and Civil Society in Timor-Leste. The signing of the Action and Visibility and Communication Plans of the project "Improving Government Accountability through Social Audit in Timor-Leste", co-implemented by FONGTIL and The Asia Foundation, in close collaboration with the Social Audit Unit of the Office of the Prime Minister, was attended by the Political Counsellor of the EU Delegation in Timor-Leste, Luís Godinho, who emphasized the importance of focusing analysis on the Education and Health sectors, as paramount areas for development, in line with the EU Strategy for Democracy and Human Rights in Timor-Leste. [See the pictures!](#)



EU and Portuguese Ambassadors together visit Quinta de Portugal

The Ambassador of EU, Alexandre Leitão, and the Ambassador of Portugal, Manuel Gonçalves de Jesus, jointly visited the Portuguese Farm ("Quinta de Portugal") in Aileu, to assess first-hand future possibilities for agricultural training activities. The agricultural training centre and demonstration plot is being managed by Camões I.P. (Portuguese National Agency for Cooperation). From 2012 to 2015, through the EU financed agriculture programme RDP IV, activities for the training of farmers and extension workers were developed on this site, including the construction of nurseries, planting of fruit trees and skills transfer to improve the coffee varieties in Timor-Leste, for example through regular pruning. [See the pictures!](#)



EU Corner

Languages in the European Union

The EU promotes the linguistic and cultural diversity of its people. It does so by supporting the teaching and learning of their languages. The EU's ambitious goal is to enable citizens to be fluent in two languages in addition to their mother tongue. The EU institutions work with 23 official languages. This is to ensure that all EU citizens, whether they speak a major European language or a lesser-known one, have equal access to the policies and legislation of the European Union. [Read more and download the ebook!](#)

