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MINISTER PESSOA THROWS OPEN THE FIRST INAP BASKETBALL GAME

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At 4pm on Tuesday 05 October, the INAP and NDPS Teams will play a friendly game of basketball at the newly constructed court at the National Institute of Public Administration residential campus in Comoro. Minister Ana Pessoa, patron of both teams, will throw the first basketball when she declares the official opening of the court today.

The UNDP Project HRM, believes capacity development of not only the mind, but also the body and spirit, is responsible for developing human resources in the civil service. The project supported the construction of sports facilities in the residential campus, which also houses two other capacity development interventions, the Leadership and Management Program (LAMP) and the Human Resource Development Unit.

The National Institute of Public Administration (INAP), an academy tasked to train civil servants, now has the capacity to design and deliver courses in project management, decision-making, problem solving, train-the-trainers, leadership and management. It recently delivered a 5-day leadership course for 50 District Superintendents from the Ministry of Education. Requests for training in computer applications have been received from other ministries.

Mr Florindo Pereira, the National Project Director for the UNDP HRM project and INAP welcomed the new facilities.

“The importance of having a training facility such as this cannot be underestimated in a young country like Timor-Leste. The INAP will provide international standard training to the top 300 senior civil servants in all aspects of leadership and effective management.” He said

The National Directorate of Public Services is the department responsible for the human resource management in the civil service. The UNDP Project HRM has supported the drafting and passage of the Civil Service Act, and is now undertaking the data validation project to gather and verify 12000 personnel records prior to the implementation of the Personnel Management Information System (PMIS) in 2005.

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