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Timor-Leste

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT GOES TO THE NEXT LEVEL

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The Capacity Development Co-ordination Unit (CDCU), under the Office of the Prime Minister, together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), officially launched the second phase of the 'Institutional Capacity Development Support' Programme at Obrigado Barracks on 11 February. The Prime Minister, H.E. Mari Bin Amude Alkatiri, chaired the launch, with the participation of the SRSG and UNDP Resident Representative, Dr. Sukehiro Hasegawa and other development partners.

The 'Institutional Capacity Development Support Programme' builds upon the work of the previous phase of the programme (the 'Support to Development Posts') in developing systems and competencies to further enhance national institutional capacity in key areas to assist the self-reliant development of Timor-Leste. In addition to the institution strengthening activities of the previous phase of the programme, Phase II also aims to strengthen the CDCU's own capacity and provide in-country and/ or overseas training opportunities to complement on-the-job training currently being provided to Timorese counterparts.

The 118 advisor positions identified as 'Critical' and supported through this programme have been identified through a process in which the state institutions (the Government, National Parliament, President Office and the Judiciary) have prioritized their needs and identified the positions necessary for their continued functioning and development. Already, 55 positions have been filled in phase II, with that number expected to increase to 75 positions by May 2005.

"This Programme is an essential part of Timor-Leste's development process. We need development partners' continued support to ensure the continued capacity development of both the Timorese Nationals and the State Institutions." Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri said today.

"It has become increasingly urgent to build in a comprehensive way the capacity of state institutions, combining coaching and mentoring activities with introduction of academic and formal training, human resources management and career development systems." Explained UNDP Resident Representative, Dr Sukehiro Hasegawa. "I believe that continuing the process of Capacity Development in the critical areas identified in this programme is essential for the next phase of peace building in Timor-Leste as the UNMISSET presence continues to reduce its operations." He said.

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