

2010 Donors' Meeting Speech by Ambassador of Korea

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Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

It is my great honor and pleasure to be with you this morning on this 2010 Donor's meeting.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to introduce a few of Korean government's plans to assist Timor Leste for the year 2010.

First of all, the Republic of Korea is aiming to help Timor Leste build up its human resources infrastructure. For this purpose, we will embark on publishing Tetun Textbooks and instructional materials for Primary and Secondary schools as well as Tetun Dictionaries for the students. We will provide the Ministry of Education with essential equipment and materials such as computers, printers, pianos, blackboards, binders etc.

Through this support, social and environmental effects are being expected as follows;

First, national identity will be strengthened through the delivery of education in their own language,

Second, the dissemination of Tetun will contribute to the standardization of Tetun grammatically and orthographically,

Third, the quality of general education will be improved and the level of Timorese education will be upgraded step by step to meet the regional and international standards.

Secondly, Korea is aiming to provide job opportunities to many Timorese people so that they work in Korea. As a first step to implement this project, 94 Timorese workers have been allowed to Korea to work there last year. I heard that they are highly motivated to adapt themselves to various new circumstances. Besides, they are sincere, hardworking and good-mannered people, thus attaining good reputation from their colleague and employers in Korea. I am sure this project will lead to a significant increasing number of workers of Timor Leste, who will be able to gain know-how and working experience from Korea, as well as

income to support their families, thus contributing to the alleviation of poverty among the Timorese people.

Thirdly, the Geological Mapping Project will be conducted in collaboration with the Secretary of State for Natural Resources. This project is intended to produce comprehensive data identifying locations, kinds, and reserves of mineral resources endowed in Timor Leste, which will be very essential for the policy-making for the future development and preservation of the mineral resources of Timor Leste for the maximum benefit of its contemporary people as well as its next generation.

The last but not least assistance project by Korea to be introduced is the Drinking Water Supply by desalination. This project is aimed to supply clean drinking water to people of Timor Leste so that they enjoy good health and increase living quality. I think water is the basic necessity and the most important thing for life.

Thank you so much for your attention.

Obrigado(오브리 가도)