



## Timor-Leste's Ambassador to the US to be accredited to Canada and Mexico



H.E. Ambassador Constancio Pinto

The Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the United States will soon be accredited to Canada and Mexico.

The Government of Mexico and Canada have accepted Agreement for Timor-Leste's Ambassador in the US, H.E. Constancio Pinto as Ambassador designate to both countries.

Pending presentation of the letters of credence, Ambassador Pinto will be the first Timor-Leste's Ambassador to be concurrently accredited to Mexico and Canada with residence in Washington, D.C.

## Fulbright-SERN Scholarship Program for East-Timorese

The United States Embassy in Timor-Leste has announced the opening of the Fulbright-SERN and Fulbright Foreign Student Scholarship Competition for the 2012-2013 Academic Year.

The deadline for submission of applications is **Thursday, July 22, 2011.**

Please visit the [US Embassy Dili Website](#) or the [Embassy's Facebook page](#) to obtain detailed information.

### Calendar

Annual retreat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Timor-Leste is held in Lospalos on 4—8 July 2011.

The 2011 Darwin-Dili Yacht Rally will start in Darwin on July 9. For details please see [here](#)

Timor-Leste's Development Partner meeting is held in Dili on 11—13 July 2011.

The 3rd Tour de Timor is held on 11—16 September 2011. For details please see [here](#)

### Facts & Figures

GDP  
(Purchasing Power Parity):  
\$3.051 billion  
(2010 est.)  
Country comparison  
to the world:  
176

### Did you know?

The world's largest rat was in Timor-Leste. For an interesting article on the discovery of the largest rat ever lived please see [here](#).

## Pacific Partnership Team Competes in Dili Marathon for Peace



DILI, Timor-Leste (June 18, 2011) Dr. Jose Ramos-Horta, President of Timor-Leste, center, waves to the crowd as Capt. Jesse A. Wilson, commander of Pacific Partnership 2011, right, watches the start of the Marathon for Peace race. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Russell/Released) Click [here](#) to see the original picture. For more photos, visit Pacific Partnership on [flickr](#).

Fifty Pacific Partnership 2011 team members has taken part in Timor-Leste's second annual "Marathon for Peace" in Dili.

Sponsored by Timor-Leste President Dr. Jose Ramos-Horta, the race is designed to promote peaceful social conditions in order to support national stability, sovereignty and unity in the island nation. For details please see [here](#).

The event included a full marathon (42km), a half-marathon (21km), and a 7km "fun" run. With more than 6,500 people in attendance, Pacific Partnership members supported the event by running in the race, providing medical support, and performing live music for the participants. For details please see [here](#).

## Timor-Leste Wants Shell Excluded From Sunrise Development Talks

Timor-Leste (East Timor) has called for Royal Dutch Shell to be excluded from discussions about the development of the Greater Sunrise gas field, claiming its promotion of floating liquefied natural gas technology represents a conflict of interest.

A detailed report by Ross Kelly from Dow Jones Newswires can be found [here](#).

## Timor-Leste at g7+ Ministerial Meeting of Monrovia, Liberia

Leaders from fragile and conflict affected countries have held a meeting in Monrovia, Liberia to discuss various issues with a view to achieve a one voice on Peace Building and State Building. The g7+ meeting was co-chaired by the Timor-Leste's Minister of Finance, Emilia Pires, and the Minister of Planning and Economic Affairs of Liberia, Amara Konneh. During the meeting, the leaders of g7+ also has agreed on what is known as "Monrovia Roadmap on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding" which incorporates common interests that include: legitimate politics, security, jobs for all, access to justice and manage resources well. For details please see [here](#). For additional info on g7+ please visit [g7plus' Web site](#).

## August Pacific crude, condensate exports stable vs. July

"Crude and condensate exports from Australia, Papua New Guinea and East Timor are expected to remain stable or rise slightly in August from the previous month, traders said on Tuesday. Supply remained below the usual 22 to 28 lots the region exports each month as a restart of Cossack production has been delayed while Van Gogh supply is limited. A total of 17-18 cargoes will be available for August loading, up from 17 in July [...]". For details please see [here](#).



DILI, Timor-Leste (June 16, 2011) - A Timor-Leste patrol boat, Jaco leads the formation in front of an MH-60S Sea Hawk and amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland (LPD 7) while arriving into Dili. Cleveland is the flagship for Pacific Partnership 2011, which will visit the islands of Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and the Federated States of Micronesia. (Photo By Kristopher Radder) For an article on the arrival of the partnership team in Timor-Leste please see [here](#). For details and updated info please see [here](#).



From left to right: Timor-Leste's Minister of Health H.E. Dr. Nelson Martins and H.E. Ambassador Pinto during a visit by the Minister and Delegation to the Embassy on June 15, 2011. For more pictures go the Embassy's [Facebook](#).



Timorese Students from University of Hawaii under USTL Scholarship Program take picture with H.E. Ambassador Pinto during their visit to the Embassy on June 20th, 2011 (photo by Bella Galhos).

## Timorese Student Conclude Internship At TL's Embassy in D.C.

Timorese student Felix Da Silva concluded his five week internship program at the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste in Washington D.C. on Thursday June 23rd, 2011.



From left to right, the intern and H.E. Ambassador Pinto

Mr. Da Silva is finishing a B.A. in Economics at the University of Hawaii at Manoa under the U.S.-Timor-Leste (USTL) Scholarship Program. USTL and U.S.-South Pacific (USSP) Scholarship Programs are funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and administered by the East-West Center (EWC) in Honolulu, Hawaii. For reference and more info on the programs please visit [EWC Web site](#).

## Consular Information

For information on visa application please write to: [informacao@migracao.gov.tl](mailto:informacao@migracao.gov.tl) or visit [Timor-Leste's Immigration Web site](#).

If you are a Timorese citizen currently living or studying in the United States and have not yet registered at the embassy, please do so by filling up the registration form and send it together with other required documents to Timor-Leste's Embassy in Washington D.C. The registration form and detailed information on required documents can be found at [Consular Section at TL's Embassy in US Web site](#).