

**The Secretary of State for the Council of Ministers and  
Official Spokesperson for the Government of Timor-Leste  
Ágio Pereira**



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**Timor-Leste congratulates Prime Minister Julia Gillard**

The Prime Minister of Timor-Leste, His Excellency Xanana Gusmão, on behalf of the Government and the people of Timor-Leste, wishes to extend warmest regards and congratulations to the Honourable Julia Gillard on her election as Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia.

“The people of Australia and Timor-Leste enjoy a strong and mature friendship which will continue under the ongoing leadership of Prime Minister Gillard. There will be matters of significance that our Governments will discuss in the shared interests of our people and I look forward to working together in a true spirit of friendship and solidarity.”

As close neighbors and friends we will continue to engage in positive dialogue in the pursuit of long-term social and economic development”.

The Government of Timor-Leste wishes Prime Minister Gillard and the new Australian Government well in achieving positive outcomes for the Australian people.” **ENDS**

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