



**MINISTÉRIO DOS NEGÓCIOS  
ESTRANGEIROS E COOPERAÇÃO**

VIII GOVERNO CONSTITUCIONAL

H.E Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation,

Agio Pereira

Guest of Honour on the occasion of the  
70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China

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**Excellency**

**Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Díli, Mr. Xiao Jianguo**

**Excellencies**

**Members of Parliament and Members of Government**

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**Ambassadors, Head of Missions and Members of the Diplomatic Corps**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Distinguished Guests**

I am delighted to join you, Ambassador Xiao Jianguo and the Chinese Community in Timor-Leste, to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

On behalf of the Government of Timor-Leste, I would also like to express our felicitous congratulation to the Government of the People's Republic of China and acclaim all the great achievements and development accomplished.

The People's Republic of China is a close friend of Timor-Leste. We shared history and our two peoples have learnt to live as brothers and sisters.

With the spirit based on the principle of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, Timor-Leste and China enjoy excellent bilateral relation, across a broad spectrum of political, economic, trade, education and culture, defence and security as well as people to people relation / friendship.

On this special occasion, I would like to emphasize the appreciation of the Government of Timor-Leste to China's cooperation in the education sector. This cooperation has contributed to a higher technical and scientific qualification of many young Timorese, accelerating the social and economic development of the country.

The awarding of scholarships to Timorese students to study in Chinese Universities and all academic and scientific exchange promoted by the universities of our two countries are highly valued by our young people, our lecturers and, above all, by our Timorese families.



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I take this opportunity to also highlight the contribution of Chinese companies and individuals in the national development of Timor-Leste, through the execution of states contracts for development, as well as the establishment of business and trade, creating jobs and contributing to the economy, through technical economic cooperation and also private sector development.

Actually, the bilateral relation between Timor-Leste and China is very strong and there is potential to further enhance such cooperation in areas such as investment, petroleum, agriculture and fisheries.

Under the “Belt and Road” initiative, the development of a number of projects under construction by Chinese companies, have benefit Timor-Leste and improving the lives of the population.

China is a respected partner and friend of Timor-Leste and we give insurances that Timor-Leste wants to continue to take part in the Belt and Road project, by strengthening relations and working with China towards futher development of bilateral cooperation.

**Ladies and Gentleman,  
Distinguished guests**

In closing, I would like to thank Your Excellency, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China in Díli. Mr. Xiao Jianguo, for sharing this joyous occasion with us and invite you all to join me in a toast to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China, for a long life and prosperity of the People’s Republic of China.

I thank you all for your kind attention.

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