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PRESS RELEASE

Grant of day-off on March 28 and April 1, 2013

The V Constitutional Government of Timor-Leste has decided to concede day-off on March 28 and April 1, for the whole day, to all staff and agents of the Ministries or dependent services, as well as the institutes and organisms integrated in the State's indirect administration.

This decision is based on Law no. 10/2005, of the 10th of August, which determines the national holidays, the official commemorative dates and days-off. Amongst the commemorative dates is Holy Thursday, which, every year, has a variable date.

Holy Thursday, which this year is celebrated on March 28, is the last day of Lent in the catholic religion's calendar, and is one of the solemnities of great importance to the Christian Community in Timor-Leste. For this fact, the government decides to concede a day-off on that day.

On April 1, a day-off is given to allow the return to the place of residence, after the celebration of Easter Sunday with their family, in the Districts.