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The 2014 Human Development Index confirms good progress in Timor-Leste

On the 24th of July the UNDP's *2014 Human Development Report* was launched in Tokyo. The report, described by the UNDP as its "flagship product", also includes the *Human Development Index* which presents 2013 data for 187 countries and territories measuring average achievement in three basic dimensions of human development; a long and healthy life, knowledge and a decent standard of living.

In 2013 Timor-Leste is ranked at 128. This takes Timor-Leste from a Low Human development country to a Medium Human Development Country along with South Africa, India and Indonesia. The progress has been steady. In 2011 the ranking was 147, in 2012 Timor-Leste was ranked 134 and the ranking is now 128 amongst 187 countries and territories.

The 'Human Development Index Trends' fastest growth period for Timor-Leste was between 2008 – 2013. Of all the 144 countries in the Very High, High and Medium Human Development Categories, Timor-Leste has the highest annual average of Human development growth.

Amongst all 187 countries and territories measured, the only six countries that have a higher rating of human development growth continue to remain in the Low Human Development Category.

Spokesperson for the Fifth Constitutional Government, Minister of State Agio Pereira noted that "whilst one measurement can never give us the whole picture, what we are seeing across several sets of data published in 2014 is a positive picture of Timor-Leste making steady progress. Challenges remain but together we are moving in the right direction and building a better Nation and more promising future for our children."**ENDS**



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