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H.E. António da Conceição sworn in as the Minister of State, Coordinator of Social Affairs and Minister of Education

Today the President of the Republic has sworn in H.E. António da Conceição to the post of Minister of State, Coordinator of Social Affairs and Minister of Education.

This post was held by national hero, H.E. Fernando La Sama de Araújo at the time of his passing earlier this year on the 2nd of June. His unexpected passing was a great loss for the Timorese people.

H.E. António da Conceição is an experienced Minister having held the role of Minister of Commerce, Industry and Environment in the Fifth and Sixth Constitutional Governments beginning in 2012.

The Vice Minister of Commerce, Industry and Environment, H.E. Constâncio da Conceição Pinto has been elevated to the position of Minister and Filipus Nino Pereira has been appointed as Vice Minister of Commerce, Industry and Environment.

All three men were sworn into their roles this morning by the President of the Republic, H.E. Taur Matan Ruak at a ceremony conducted at the Presidential Palace. Last week the President indicated his acceptance of the proposal of Prime Minister H.E. Dr. Rui Maria de Araújo to make these appointments to respond to the vacancy created in the Government structure after the passing of H.E. Fernando La Sama de Araújo.

The two Vice Ministers of Education H.E. Dulce Jesus Soares and Abel da Costa Ximenes continue in their current roles. **ENDS**



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