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## **Closing Remarks**

**His Excellency the Minister of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers,**

**Agio Pereira**

### **Presentation of Timor-Leste's Development Initiatives**

Díli, February 20th, 2025

Honourable Ambassadors

Distinguished Representatives of the Diplomatic Corps,

Honourable Guests,

It is a great honour to address you today, on behalf of His Excellency the Prime Minister, Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão, as we conclude this important session on Timor-Leste's development initiatives. Your presence here reaffirms our strong partnerships, and we deeply appreciate your engagement in our development journey.



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Over the past few hours, we have shared with you a comprehensive overview of our national priorities, highlighting the strategic efforts underway to strengthen our infrastructure, diversify our economy, and improve the well-being of all Timorese citizens. These efforts are not just strategic imperatives; they are fundamental to building a more resilient and prosperous nation.

At the heart of our development agenda is a robust and sustainable infrastructure program. The IX Constitutional Government defines infrastructure development as a fundamental pillar of the Strategic Development Plan, recognizing its importance in to enhance mobility, facilitate trade, and unlock economic opportunities across the country.

This is not just about physical structures — it is about creating the foundation for economic transformation and ensuring that all Timorese, regardless of where they live, have access to essential services and opportunities.



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Key initiatives include:

- **Road Network Development:** Upgrading national, municipal, and rural roads to international safety and quality standards, ensuring climate resilience and improved trade routes.
- **Water and Sanitation:** Expanding access to clean water and sanitation through sustainable management and infrastructure investment.
- **Energy Expansion:** Guaranteeing 24-hour electricity across all regions, restructuring the sector for financial sustainability, and advancing renewable energy solutions.

The strategy is based on three main axes: planning and restructuring the sector, strengthening management and inspection, and strategic investment in basic infrastructure.

The implementation of these measures is fundamental to reducing regional inequalities, improving the population's quality of life, and ensuring sustainable economic growth.



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Beyond infrastructure, economic diversification remains a top priority. Timor-Leste is actively fostering growth in key sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, tourism, and the blue economy to create sustainable employment opportunities.

Our government is committed to supporting the private sector, encouraging investment, and improving the business environment to drive economic growth. The ongoing efforts to enhance trade facilitation, attract foreign direct investment, and strengthen our participation in regional economic frameworks, including ASEAN and the WTO, will further position Timor-Leste as a competitive and open economy.

We also remain steadfast in our commitment to good governance, transparency, and the rule of law. Strengthening institutions, enhancing efficiency, and ensuring transparency and accountability in the management of public resources are fundamental to fostering trust and delivering tangible results for our people.



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Excellencies, distinguished guests,

Timor-Leste stands at a pivotal moment in its development trajectory. We have a clear vision for the future, and we invite you to continue engaging with us, to explore opportunities for collaboration and investment, and to work together in building a more resilient, prosperous, and inclusive Timor-Leste.

On behalf of the Prime Minister and the Government of Timor-Leste, I extend my deepest gratitude for your participation today. Let us continue this dialogue and cooperation as we strive for a brighter future for all Timorese.

Thank you.



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## **SUMMARY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME FOR INFRASTRUCTURE**

The 9th Constitutional Government defines infrastructure development as an essential pillar of the Strategic Development Plan, recognising its importance for the economy, job creation and private sector growth.

The strategy is based on three main axes: planning and restructuring the sector, strengthening management and inspection, and strategic investment in basic infrastructure.

### **Main Goals and Guidelines:**

#### **1. Infrastructure Governance and Management**

- Detailed survey of existing infrastructure and ongoing projects for reassessment and correction.



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- More efficient management of available funds, focusing on transparency and sustainability.
- Strengthen institutional capacities to monitor, inspect and supervise projects.
- Greater involvement of the private sector and Timorese labour in infrastructure development.

## **2. Road Network**

- Construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of national, municipal and rural roads, following international quality and safety standards.
- Implementation of the Master Plan and Strategic Investment for Rural Roads.
- Continuous monitoring of road conditions and reinforcement of bridge and drainage infrastructure for flood control.

## **3. Water and Basic Sanitation**

- Expanding access to drinking water and basic sanitation throughout the country.



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- Construction of sewerage and drainage systems to reduce health and environmental risks.
- Development of strategic policies and plans for the sustainable management of water resources.

#### **4. Energy**

- Expansion of national power grid, guaranteeing 24-hour power supply to all regions.
- Restructuring the electricity sector to improve efficiency and financial sustainability.
- Diversification of energy sources, focusing on renewable energies, including hydroelectric, wind, solar and biomass.
- Exploring the potential of natural gas as an alternative to liquid fuels.

Implementing these measures aims to reduce regional inequalities, improve the population's quality of life, and guarantee sustainable economic growth.