



**SPEECH BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF THE  
PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,  
AGIO PEREIRA,  
ON THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RTTL, EP**

**Government Palace, March 13, 2025**

Dear Members of Government,

Distinguished guests,

It is with great honor that we gather today to swear in the new President of the Board of Directors of Rádio e Televisão de Timor-Leste, EP (RTTL, EP), Elizeu Isaac Fernandes. This is a significant moment for our media, for RTTL's public service mission and for the strengthening of our democracy.

First of all, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the work carried out by the outgoing President, José António Belo "Taraleu". We thank him for his dedication and commitment to this fundamental institution for Timorese society.

Today, we begin a new cycle with the inauguration of Elizeu Isaac Fernandes to this position of great responsibility. The Government's decision reflects its recognition of his technical competence, management experience and commitment to RTTL's mission. We wish him every success in leading this institution, trusting that he will continue the work carried out and that he will be a driving force behind new strategies for the future.

Mr. President,

RTTL's mission is clearly defined in Decree-Law no 42/2008, which transformed it into a public company and established its duties as a concessionaire of the public broadcasting service. This mission includes ensuring information, training and the promotion of national identity, guaranteeing a radio and television service that is exempt, plural and

accessible to all citizens. It is a commitment to transparency, culture and the active participation of the people in building our country.

In this context, the IX Constitutional Government's priority is to strengthen the media sector, guaranteeing its independence and its capacity to play an essential role in Timor-Leste democratic life. The Government will continue to support RTTL in modernizing its infrastructure, updating its technology and training its professionals. The implementation of a Strategic Plan for the company will be fundamental to improving the quality of information and expanding its coverage nationwide.

We want an RTTL increasingly strong, innovative and accessible, which promotes our language, our culture and the values of citizenship. Quality information is a pillar of democracy, and our public radio and television play a central role in disseminating knowledge and promoting the public debate of ideas.

The modernization of RTTL must be accompanied by an unwavering commitment to journalistic ethics, informative rigour and impartiality. The media must be a space where all voices have the opportunity to express themselves and where citizens can find credible and balanced information.

Your appointment, Mr. President, represents a new stage for this institution. We are counting on your commitment to continue strengthening RTTL as a public service reference, ensuring that it fulfills its duties to society and contributing to the strengthening of the national media sector.

The challenge is great, but we are sure that, with your leadership and the commitment of all RTTL professionals, we will be able to move forward in achieving the objectives set. The government will maintain its support and collaboration, ensuring that our public radio and television continues to be a space for quality information, cultural diversity and the promotion of democratic values.

To all those who work every day to bring information to people across the country, our recognition and encouragement. The media is a fundamental pillar of our rule of law, and RTTL plays a decisive role in this process.

Mr. President, we wish you a successful mandate, based on innovation, commitment to public service and respect for the values that guide the media in Timor-Leste.

Thank you very much!