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**ADDRESS BY
HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRIME MINISTER
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**ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAUNCH
OF THE BLUE ECONOMY WEBSITE**

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Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Happy National Day of the Sea!

I believe you will agree with me that the purpose behind the creation of the Blue Economy Website has already been clearly demonstrated, both through words and images.

Nevertheless, I cannot fail to emphasise the significance of today's event.

With the official launch of the Blue Economy Website, we are taking another concrete step towards transforming our marine and maritime wealth into sustainable development for all Timorese people.

We are a country blessed with a magnificent ocean, rich in biodiversity, fisheries resources, tourism potential and energy resources. Yet these resources alone do not guarantee sustainable development.

The future of our Nation will depend on how we manage them — with scientific knowledge, local knowledge, transparency and a long-term vision.

The Blue Economy Website aims to:

- Bring together and make available data and information relating to our maritime space;

- Support the formulation and monitoring of public policies; and
- Promote cooperation among Government, the private sector, scientific institutions, international partners, non-governmental organisations, coastal and local communities, and citizens.

By bringing together information on the various sectors that make up the Blue Economy, this Website becomes a strategic tool for protecting the marine environment, promoting ocean literacy and maritime culture, planning investments and creating decent jobs, particularly for our young people, women and communities that depend directly on the sea.

As Mana Betti said, the Blue Economy Website is another tool that we are making available to the public so that we may all become active participants in this new national endeavour to diversify the economy in an inclusive and environmentally sustainable manner.

We want to generate prosperity without destroying marine ecosystems.

We want to innovate and make use of technology without disregarding our customs and traditions.

And we want to exercise full sovereignty over our national maritime space while remaining open to greater integration within the region and the wider world.

Your Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to thank the national technical teams, particularly the Land and Maritime Boundary Office, which contributed to the development of this Website.

I also thank all Members of Government and their respective teams for embracing the challenge of looking to the sea, thinking strategically about it and for developing sustainable development policies.

Now, and no less importantly, we must communicate these national policies. We must communicate our sea!

We want researchers, entrepreneurs, students and citizens — both national and international — to find in this Website a reliable source of information through which they can better understand our sea and participate in the opportunities it offers.

This means continuously updating the Website with new information, improving its features and ensuring that it is genuinely used as a tool to support decision-making.

It also means that this Website is a symbol of good governance: clear and accessible information, more transparent processes and greater accountability in the management of public resources and marine natural resources.

I therefore invite everyone here to contribute to this effort to make information available and to make full use of this tool.

Finally, I invite all of you to work with us to ensure that the Blue Economy becomes a genuine driver of development for Timor-Leste, for the benefit of both current and future generations.

It is with pride, confidence and hope that I now officially launch the Timor-Leste Blue Economy Website.

Thank you very much.

Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão