

Press Releases: Timor-Leste Restoration of Independence Day

Press Statement
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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I am delighted to convey our best wishes to the people of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste as you celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Restoration of Independence on May 20.

Fifteen years of independence is a remarkable milestone, reflecting the resolve and commitment of the Timorese people to build a new democracy based on respect for human rights and the rule of law. We are committed to deepening ties between the American and Timorese peoples in the years to come.

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