Timorese Interns Welcomed To The Territory

Four Timorese interns have arrived in the Territory to gain work experience in the public sector as part of a capacity building program implemented by the Territory and Timor-Leste Governments.

The interns were today welcomed to the Territory at a ceremony at Parliament House with Minister for Public Employment Rob Knight, Commissioner for Public Employment Ken Simpson and Director General of Timor-Leste Civil Service Commission Mr Liborio Pereira attending.

Minister Knight said the interns would participate in the Timor-Leste Civil Service Capacity Building Internship Scheme - learning skills in human resources and public sector governance.

“The Territory Government is committed to strengthening ties with Timor-Leste and contributing to development in education, training and employment,” Mr Knight said.

“This initiative will benefit the new nation of Timor-Leste, helping to strengthen the participants’ leadership and management skills.

“The seed was sewn for the scheme when Chief Minister Paul Henderson met with Prime Minister Gusmao in August last year.

“The program has been developed to help facilitate a greater depth of professional experience and gain hands-on operational workplace experience in the public sector.”

The interns will spend eight weeks in the Territory. Their first week will be in the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment before undertaking placements in agencies to gain operational experience.

The location of each placement has been matched with the participants’ specific learning goals.
The interns will also visit some Top End attractions, including the Territory Wildlife Park and the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Mr Knight said the participants are the first of ten interns to undertake the program.

“The Northern Territory and Timor-Leste have a great friendship and unique relationship and this program will help strengthen ties into the future,” Mr Knight said.

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