



Forum Participants

Tibar Bay Port

On September 30, 2022, the new port at Tibar Bay opened. Operated by Timor Port S.A. (TPSA), this facility will help us to process more of your imports and exports more efficiently. With support from the international development community, we drafted a new import procedure which our Commissioner officially approved. Unlike Dili Seaport, which has now permanently closed, none of our staff or other government agencies will undertake any controls at the port exit gate. Instead, these final checks will be processed completed by TPSA.

As well as affording high levels of security and protection, this new process will help to prevent unnecessary delays that we often saw at the exit gate at Dili Seaport. This will help to save the business community time and money and means we can focus more on trying to identify illegal or undervalued goods.

You can access and download a copy of this new procedure in English and Tetum by visiting our website: www.customs.gov.tl

International Forum

Along with the Ministry of Trade and Commerce, we participated in the 10th Asia Pacific Trade Facilitation Forum.

Representatives from more than 100 countries attended the forum with the objective to simplify and harmonize transport, trade, and customs regulations and establish an effective, efficient, integrated, and coordinated



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transit transport system and innovative, sophisticated design of digital trade facilitation around the globe. The theme of the forum was "Next Generation Trade Facilitation for Sustainable Development."

We remain committed to working with our partners from these types of forums so we can play our part in making processes more efficient and helping Timor-Leste gain access to the global market.

Revenue Collection up by 44 percent

During the period January to August of this year, we helped the government collect \$58,989,617 in duties and taxes. This represents an increase of 44 percent compared to the same period in 2021.

This increase suggests that trade is increasing as we continue to receive from the impact of COVID-19 and the slow-down in world markets.

Understanding Risk

In partnership with the USAID/Timor-Leste Trade Governance Activity, we delivered risk management training to 88 of our staff members. This training will help our officers to better understand what risk management is and how it should be applied. As well as helping us to ensure that we can facilitate legitimate trade, following these rules means that we comply with important international conventions, such as the World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement and the ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement.

We also delivered risk management training to 17 representatives from other government agencies, NGOs and the private sector.

If you think you or your organization may benefit from this type of training, please let us know and we'll aim to deliver more training in the future!