

RYPEN 🛞 TIMOR LESTE

HAKBI'IT TALENTO FOINSA'E 2013

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMME OF ENCOURAGEMENT – TIMOR LESTE (2013)

Crosslands Rotaract Representatives (Katie Dean and Gordon Lau) were head-hunted by the Rotarians Education Training (RET) Team to bring the highly acclaimed Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN) from District 9685 to Timor Leste. This international project received RAWCs approval and funding, and was proudly sponsored by Woodside Petroleum and Associated Partners.

This inaugural event was a huge success. Attended by more than sixty East Timorese participants and facilitators from around Dili, it provided much needed leadership training to both the facilitator team and candidates alike, and lived up to theme of the initiative – Hakbi'it Talento Foinsa'e (Fostering Young Talent for the Future). This collaborative project built strong ties between Timor Leste and Australia, and was a great cultural exchange of leadership ideas and innovative methods of providing education through active participation. This project also strengthened the allegiance between Timor Leste and the Rotary District 9685 who have sponsored East Timorese youth to participate in the highly successful Rotary

Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) for close to a decade.

RYPEN teaches its participants leadership skills and teamwork through a myriad of activities. The project was adapted by both Katie and Gordon to make it suitable for Timor Leste with the input from the 2013 RYPEN & RYLA Director, Eudicitio Pinto. Both Katie and Gordon then travelled to Timor Leste with the RET Team to help consult and facilitate the running of this inaugural event. Based strongly on active participation, the candidates take part in a range of team building games and brainstorming sessions to develop and enrich their current understanding of leadership. The strong personal links formed over the weekend accompanied with positive role modelling by the facilitators who are passionate young leaders in various organisations in Timor Leste, would give these potential young leaders of Timor Leste a brighter future.

We aim to continue to develop this project and ultimately give ownership of the project to the people of Timor Leste so that it can be spread to other areas around this young and proud nation.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT





ROTARY / ROTARACT PROJECT



ROTARY AND ROTARACT FOSTERING YOUNG TALENT FOR THE FUTURE.

Late in August 2013 saw the dawn of an exciting, new youth project take place in Timor Leste, The Rotary Youth Progamme of Encouragement (RYPEN).

This young nation has a strong, resilient spirit and even stronger sense patriotism. From its trouble past marred with occupation by the Portuguese and the more recent invasion of the Indonesian Army, Timor Leste have also had plenty of civil unrests which saw close to a third of its population perish. Now that it is rebuilding itself as a nation, a quarter of the population are under fifteen years of age. Due to the many years of conflict and instability, the education system is rudimentary at best. In a country where life opportunities are scarce for those who do not receive a university education, many face a bleak future.

As a result, RYPEN targeted 16year old students from the public schools who are unlikely to access University. This inaugural event was attended by more than sixty young Timorese selected from around Dili, the capital of Timor Leste. Over the course of the weekend, they participated in an interactive educational programme adapted from the successful RYPEN Program in District 9685. It aimed to increase self esteem, motivation, and develop life skills like creative thinking to assist 'RYPENians' in achieving their full potential.

The theme for this inaugural RYPEN in Timor Leste was Hakbi'it Talento Foinsa'e – Fostering Young Talent for the Future. This project was headed by members of the Rotary District 9685 (The Rotarians Education Training (RET) Team and two young leaders from Sydney's Crosslands Rotaract Club). After months of hard work and planning, the team headed to Timor Leste to bring the project to life. The joyous faces of the participants and the passionate young leaders embracing the project touched the hearts of the team, making it all worthwhile. This project could not have been possible if it was not for the generous sponsorship by the Sunrise Consortium – Woodside, Conoco Phillips, Shell, and Osaka Gas.

From the wise words of Xanana Gusmão, the former President and Prime Minister of Timor Leste, "It is not enough to receive support, no matter, how needed it may be. It is fundamental to know how to receive this support and ensure that its result is exponential," the ultimate aim is for the local Timorese Youth to embrace this programme and continue to develop it into the future. Just like the highly successful RYLA Project which started in Timor Leste 2010, it is the team's hope that RYPEN can one day be run in other communities in Timor Leste and beyond.

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Husi: Jorgino dos Santos

DILI: Rotary Youth Program of Encouragement (Rypen) hala'o treinamentu ba dahuluk hodi hakbiit talentu no aumenta kapasidade foinsa'e Timor-Leste.

Treinamentu ne'ebé hala'o iha Dare, durante loron 3, hahú husi Sesta (23/8) too Domingu (25/8) ne'e partisipa husi estudante sekundaria sira iha Dili laran hamutuk na'in 48.

Koordenadór Programa Rypen, Eudicitio Pinto, hateten, programa ida ne'e realiza atu bele kapasita foinsa'e sira, liu-liu estudante, atu koñese ida-idak nia talentu no kapasidade, tanba foinsa'e sira mak sai hanesan futuru ba nasaun ne'e.

Edy dehan, buat ne'ebé partisipante sira hetan durante treinamentu karik laos buat foun ida ba sira, maibé espera katak sira aproveita koñesimentu hirak ne'ebé sira hetan hodi implementa iha sira nia moris loro-loron.

"Ami koko atu oferese buat ne'ebé ami iha, tuir ami nia kapasidade ba partisipante sira," dehan Edy hafoin ensera treinamentu ne'ebé.

Aleinde atu hakbiit talentu, Edy hateten, treinamentu ne'e atu fo mós hanoin ba foinsa'e sira hodi bele aproveita sira nia tempu ne'ebé iha atu halo buat di'ak ruma ba familia, sosiadade no nasaun.

Partisipante ida, Amandia de Araujo husi eskola 4 Setembru, agradese ba treinamentu ne'ebé Rypen oferese ba sira.

Nia dehan, treinamentu ne'e importante atu bele fasilita di'ak liu tan foinsa'e sira hodi bele kontribui buat ruma ba nasaun.

Amandia espera katak Rypen sei kontinua programa hanesan iha tempu oin mai hodi bele hakbiit tan foinsa'e sira seluk.





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