



# Ho Mapa Ita Harii Futuru Timor-Leste

Através dos mapas construimos o futuro de Timor-Leste

*With maps, we build the future of Timor-Leste*

<Dili, Timor-Leste, 9 November 2009> — The Geographic Information Group (GIG) in Timor-Leste announces that it will be organizing a unique week-long event about Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and mapping. The event will take place from 18-25 November 2009 at Casa Europa from 8am-5pm (excluding the weekend).

This event will coincide with National Geographic Society's Geography Awareness Week (15-21 November) in the United States and GIS Day (18 November) – a global event to raise awareness of GIS technology and the important contributions it makes in the fields of science, technology, information, and development. **Ho Mapa Ita Harii Futuru Timor-Leste** provides an opportunity for those interested to learn about geographic information and GIS/mapping activities in Timor-Leste.

This one-week event will include both a permanent map exhibition open to the public and seminars/presentations about GIS and mapping technologies in action within Timor-Leste. Contributors to this event include the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy and Development, IOM, UNDP, UNMIT, UNICEF and BELUN, JICA, ERDAS and ESRI.

A GIS is a computer-based mapping tool that takes information from a database about a location, such as streets, buildings, water features, and terrain, and turns it into visual layers. The ability to see geographic features on a map gives users a better understanding



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of a particular location, enabling planners, analysts, and others to make informed decisions about their communities.

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### **About the Geographic Information Group (GIG)**

The Geographic Information Group (GIG) is comprised of government, UN agencies, and NGOs who are actively using geographic information, GIS, and mapping to support Timor-Leste's planning, development and humanitarian response.

The GIG is a forum for exchanging views and ideas about policy and technology issues within the GIS field, with the participation of experts from government and international organizations. This forum is currently being co-chaired by National Directorate for Land, Property and Cadastral Services (DNTPSC) of the Ministry of Justice and the UN. One of the GIG's key functions is to facilitate knowledge and skills transfer between these organizations so that local government bodies can start developing GIS and spatial data infrastructure within Timor-Leste.

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