



TO: Wikimedia Foundation, San Francisco, USA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support of the work being carried out by Mr. Jan-Patrick Fischer. I commend and highly appreciate his efforts to promote open access information on Timor-Leste, its society and institutions. Recently, he succeeded in creating Wikipedia page in the German language on Timor-Leste. It is my sincere hope that he will expand his work to include English and Tetum (the lingua franca of Timor-Leste) versions. His work not only introduced Timor-Leste to the world, but also enabled Timorese people to learn about their own country.

Considering that Timor-Leste is a newly independent nation state that is still lacking people who are trained and capable of contributing to expanding online information, Mr. Fischer's work has been indispensable. I hope that he will be able to visit Timor-Leste and train many young Timorese to make use of various open internet platforms which will be useful for education and economic development. I trust his work will further facilitate an international understanding of the Timorese society.

My ministry and I will extend all the necessary assistance to Mr. Fischer in carrying out his future project in Timor-Leste. We look forward to working together with Mr. Fischer in the production of the "encyclopaedia Timorense".

Sincerely,

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