

# Newsletter



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## Briefing - Welcome to Timor Leste



Almost 4 years ago I accepted CRA's challenge to move from Macau to Timor-Leste and manage our office in Dili.

In the beginning I had some doubts as I found it rather hard to adjust to a new country so far away and to understand a new and different language and culture.

Today, I can affirm without any doubt whatsoever that it was the best decision I ever made.

I really enjoy living in such a beautiful country among incredible and brave people who have endured so much in the past.

Also, I truly enjoy working with Timorese people, speaking tetum and I feel perfectly adjusted to the country and culture.

I do feel that my team, my staff is truly my family and I cannot imagine my life any differently.

We have all grown so much over the past years as a family and friends and became the biggest timorese-portuguese law firm.

Our office has recently celebrated 10 years of its incorporation and we have gathered all of our team (family) and some clients and had a great dinner party in Tibar with activities such as singing, playing guitar and other festivities.

I believe that we will grow even stronger in the next 10 years and I am sure I will be present at the celebration of our 20th anniversary.

Finally, it is important to remember the words of the wise Charles Darwin **in the end it is not the strongest or the prettiest that survives but the one that can adjust the best.**

Duarte Simões Carneiro, *Managing Senior Associate*

## Analysis - Do you know that...?

...in Timor Leste foreign investors have two types of resident permits: Temporary or Permanent, and regular or special authorizations (only for Ministry workers) • For the regular authorizations, it is necessary to get a work visa which can take approximately up to 2 months • This visa must be renewed twice, meaning that foreign investors must have worked in the country at least for 3 years • At that time it is necessary to submit the documents with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the application must also be approved by the Secretary of State of Professional Training and Employment • Finally, the Immigration Department concludes the process by means of an interview • Applications for authorization of residence shall be submitted to the Immigration Department • To be granted residence the applicant must meet the following requirements:

- Possess a valid visa for establishing residence;
- No hidden hindrances for visa denial if known by the competent authorities;
- Actual presence in the national territory

### LEX - Global Overview on the New Regulations

**Decree-Law n.º 42/2016 of 5 October**  
- First Amendment to the Decree law n.º 8/2005, 16 November, (which Creates the Civil Aviation Authority)

**Government Resolution n.º 32/2016 of 5 October** - Investment Strategy for the management of the Dili Urban Solid Waste

**Government Resolution n.º 33/2016 of 5 October** - Approves the granting of a plot of land to a private company for the implementation of a Hotel in Tasi Tolo Area

**Oecusse Authority Resolution n.º 5/2016 of 29 September** - Regarding certain aspects of the use and registration of Land in the Region

**Prime Minister Dispatch n.º 030/2016/X/PM of 21 October** - Regarding the establishment of a committee for the inspection and supervisory for the Economic, Sanitary and Alimentary Activities



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## Danilo Afonso Henriques

Danilo is Timor Leste's representative in the **Forum for Cooperation Between China and the Portuguese Speaking Countries**, also known as Forum Macau, which is based in Macau.

Danilo was a Key assistant to the Embassy of Timor Leste in Beijing before he was assigned in this important Mission.

In Macau he has been working closely with Chinese investors interested on investing and doing business with Timor Leste.

Danilo is a fantastic Chinese Speaker (besides perfect English, Portuguese, Tetum) and Chinese Culture connoisseur and he has made great things for the country of Timor Leste abroad.

Danilo holds an MBA from a Hong Kong University and is very sharp in his Diplomacy skills.

Apart from that, he is a great friend of CRA Timor and a great character. We foresee a great future for Danilo and are happy that Timor Leste can count on such a fantastic person and professional to help the country in the years to come.



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## Speed Notes

- Timor-Leste will have its first online marketplace for cars
- According to the website ETAN, a newly-launched dedicated website for car classifieds will be launched in Timor Leste to help users to buy and sell new and used cars
- [TimorCarSales.com](https://www.timorcarsales.com) features a list of more than 200 listings and 100 dealers
- The service invites private and dealer-sponsored sales and helps connect buyers and sellers through a simple interface e-commerce mechanism

Source: ETAN

## The Employee(s) in Focus

### Dr.<sup>a</sup> Isménia Costa Cabreira

Isménia is one of CRA most experienced collaborators, having climbed her way up in the structure with a combination of technical competence and total availability for the Client's demands.

She joined the Firm since the very early stages and has developed fantastic work for CRA Timor.

She is a key person for our Firm and holds tremendous experience with the Authorities and Public Bodies. She is our Point of the Sword for any work with regards Registrations, Labour issues, corporate local matters, etc.

Words cannot describe how CRA Timor is grateful for all the commitment and hard work from Isménia.

And now we have a new element in the "Family". Isménia is a proud mother to a beautiful son, Nate.

**Thank you Isménia for being part of the Family!**





## Confidential

### Public Tenders

- The National Procurement Commission (NPC) of Timor Leste has recently launched a Public Tender for **Maintenance of Roads across the Country**.
- A Public Tender for the **Construction of 2 branches of BNCTL bank** was also launched.
- 2017 will be an important year for the **Water Sector** in Timor Leste.
- The National Procurement Commission also issued a Public Tender for the **“Supply and Installation of National Connectivity Project VI”**.

There is a plan to launch several Public Tenders with relation to basic infrastructures in the Country.

This will be a sector with great and important opportunities in the year to come.

CRA Timor has a great experience in assisting Clients in Public Tenders in Timor Leste and is available to assist its Clients on this project as well.

For more information on these tenders please contact CRA Timor at: [dsc@cratimor.com](mailto:dsc@cratimor.com) or [rui.santos@cralaw.com](mailto:rui.santos@cralaw.com)

## Calendar

### CRA Timor celebrates 10 years in Timor Leste

2016 was CRA Timor's 10th Anniversary.

In a young Country with 14 years of independence, the 10 years in which we have been present has given us such a great honor and pleasure to help this country to grow stronger.

On our Anniversary, our Founding and Managing Partner Dr. Rui Botica Santos visited our team in Timor Leste and we have made a fantastic Dinner/Party with our closest friends and Clients.



We wish CRA Timor many more 10 years of success and hard work, to bring Timor Leste always a set forward.

**Thank you to the Cra Timor team, and Timor Leste.**



## ***CRA present at the Macau Grand Prix***



*Rui Botica Santos, Tiago Monteiro, António Felix da Costa and Vitor Sereno*

Our Founding and Managing Partner Rui Botica Santos visited our Macau office in mid-November and was present at the Macau Grand Prix 2016.

CRA office in Macau (in Partnership with Nuno Simões & Associados) is led by our Senior Coordinator Associate Gonçalo Neves Lestro who was also present at the event.

CRA Timor had the chance to meet the Portuguese winners of the Grand Prix Tiago Monteiro and António Felix da Costa, as well as our Friend the Consul General of Portugal in Macau, Dr. Vitor Sereno.

CRA is a focal point of connection between Timor Leste, Macau and Portugal being present in these three jurisdictions.

## ***CRA Timor & Yingke Law Firm meeting in Shanghai***

Our Partner and Managing Associate were present in a meeting with Yingke Law Firm in Shanghai, one of the biggest Law Firms in China, to discuss future cooperation and synergy for the Portuguese speaking countries markets.



## ***CRA Timor present in Shanghai Arbitration and related activities***

CRA Timor was also part of an Arbitration procedure in Shanghai, having the pleasure to meet some of its friends and colleagues in this visit.

We were welcomed by our Arbitration Partners and held a very productive lunch with some of the most reputable Arbitrators in Shanghai.

It is always a pleasure to visit our Chinese colleagues and we hope to continue working together and developing the Asia Pacific market and contributing with CRA Timor expertise.





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