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## Invitation to a Media Briefing

# Rights and Sustainability in Timor-Leste's Development

**At La'o Hamutuk, Bebora, Dili**

**Friday, 9 March 2012**

**10:00 am – noon, followed by lunch**

La'o Hamutuk, a Timorese NGO, has researched, monitored and analyzed the reconstruction and development of Timor-Leste for nearly twelve years. During that time, we have developed a lot of information about past, current and future prospects on a number of key issues which relate to the political future of this country. The briefing will present a brief overview and respond to questions about the following topics:

- Consequences and implications of oil and gas development in Timor-Leste, the most petroleum-export-dependent country in the world.
- Timor-Leste's incomplete economy and rapidly growing state budget in this young, post-conflict, post-colonial nation, and how it affects people's security.
- Sustainability, practicality and alternatives to the proposed Strategic Development Plan, Tasi Mane petroleum infrastructure project and impending foreign debt.
- The Greater Sunrise LNG plant and maritime boundary controversies with oil companies and Australia.
- Impunity and accountability for past crimes against humanity.
- Policies and predictions regarding people's access to land.

We have received requests of interviews from many journalists who are coming to Timor-Leste to cover the Presidential election, and will continue to meet individually when asked. However, we have organized this press briefing to provide information in a more coherent, organized way, to support people who need a quick, deep understanding of Timor-Leste's current reality and future prospects.

Information on many of these topics is on La'o Hamutuk's website and blog. The briefing will be in English and Tetum. A map showing the location of our office, which is behind Dili Cathedral on the left side of the main road toward Bairro Pite, is at

<http://www.laohamutuk.org/images/LHBeboraMap1000.jpg>

Thank you for your interest and participation. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

A copy of this invitation with links to pages on our website is at

<http://laohamutuk.blogspot.com/2012/03/lh-media-briefing-9-march.html> .