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### **SRSR VISITS MANUFAHI AHEAD OF HANDOVER TO ETPS**

SRSR Kamallesh Sharma today visited Manufahi to address officers of the East Timor Police Service (ETPS) who will soon take over from UN Police in the district and to meet with a wide range of district officials.

The visit was the SRSR's first to Manufahi and part of a series of familiarization trips that will take him to each of East Timor's districts.

The SRSR was greeted by a parade of ETPS Officers who have begun assuming increased levels of responsibility ahead of taking over public security – assisted by three international police advisers – on 1 October.

“Yours will be the third district to be handed over to the ETPS after Aileu and Manatuto. Both of these districts are proving successful in their pioneering venture of taking up full policing responsibilities after only two years of training of a relatively young force,” the SRSR said.

Noting that the community holds high expectations of their future performance, the SRSR added, “It is only through paying special attention to the human rights and dignity of the community members with whom you deal, particularly during negotiations or arrests, that you can justify the high expectations that the society has of you.”

The SRSR later met with Manufahi District Administrator to discuss issues including UNMISSET's mandate and means of fostering economic and social development.

### **DSRSR ATTENDS OPENING OF JAPANESE ENGINEERING COURSE**

Deputy SRSR Sukehiro Hasegawa this morning attended the opening ceremony of a training course being conducted by the Japan Engineering Group (JEG) that aims to develop the Government's vocational skills while at the same time conduct shore repair work on the Camea river near Dili.

“East Timor's National Development Plan highlights the crucial linkage between infrastructure rehabilitation and national development in which human resource development is central,” the Deputy SRSR said. “It is to the JEG's credit that it recognizes this linkage,” he added.

Members of the East Timor Public Administration will participate in course elements ranging from basic training right through to the operation of engineering equipment.

The Japan Engineer Group arrived in East Timor in April and has 680 personnel in Dili, Oecussi, Suai and Maliana working on projects including road development, bridge building and construction of the new UN Hospital in Dili.

