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SRSG OFFICIAL VISIT

The Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) left East Timor today on a five-day official visit to Bangkok and Manila.

The trip is aimed at obtaining a better understanding of the countries of the region which are currently playing a significantly role in the UN mission in East Timor.

The Special Representative is scheduled to meet with Thailand's Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, Foreign Affairs Minister, Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai and various government officials.

Mr. Sharma will be meeting with the Executive Secretary of Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Mr. Kim Hak-Su.

ESCAP was established in 1947 with the mandate to address the economic and social issues of the region.

In Manila the UN Special Representative will meet with Philippine Minister of Foreign Ministers, Mr. Blas F. Ople, UNDP Resident Representative, Mr. Terence Jones, Vice-President of Asia Development Bank Joseph Eichenberer.

SRSG is expected back in the country on 20th August.

ARBITRATION TRAINING

A special training on labour arbitration began on Monday in Dili. International Labour Organisation (ILO) conducting the training which ends on Friday.

John Ryan, Chief Training Officer and an Australian international consultant in this field are facilitating the five-day workshop.

ILO is continuing to implement training and capacity development programmes in East Timor. The organisation plans to develop a separate programme for "Income Generation" this month as well as a workshop on "Legal Policy Framework for Women Workers"

