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### **NEW UNITED NATIONS HOSPITAL TO OPEN IN DILI**

Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General, Mr. Sukehiro Hasegawa, will officially open the new United Nations Hospital behind Obrigado Barracks in Dili on Thursday 29 August 2002.

The facility will replace the UN Military Hospital at Comoro after two and a half years of distinguished service provided by contingents from Australia, Egypt and Singapore.

The UN Military Hospital will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2002 with the Australian medical team to be repatriated to Australia.

Thailand will take up the health support role at the new UN Hospital providing Level 2 Medical care to all UN civilian and military personnel in East Timor.

Level 2 medical care includes the provision of life and limb saving surgery, emergency resuscitation, inpatient care including an Intensive Care Unit, laboratory services, and x-ray capabilities.

The new UN Hospital will be one of two UN Level 2 facilities in East Timor, the other being the Slovak Forward Surgical Team in Suai.

Dr Chaiyong Satjipanon, Thailand's Ambassador to Jakarta, General Songkram Tanavorn, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, Lieutenant General Winai Phattiyakul, UN Peacekeeping Force Commander and incoming PKF Commander, Major General Tan Huck Gim, are also attending the opening.

The media are invited to attend the UN Hospital opening ceremony behind Obrigado Barracks at 2pm on Thursday 29 August 2002.

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