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### **NEW ZEALAND MILITARY CHIEF IN EAST TIMOR**

The Commander of Joint Forces New Zealand, Major General Martin Dunne has been in East Timor for the last few days.

The military chief has met with Peacekeeping Force Commander Lieutenant General Winai Phattiyakul and incoming Force Commander, Major General Tan Huck Gim and he will also visit the New Zealand contingent in Dili as well as the New Zealand Battalion in Sector West.

Major General Dunne is no stranger to East Timor having commanded New Zealand Forces during INTERFET.

New Zealand has 668 personnel in East Timor with the majority to be repatriated home later this year as part of the UNMISSET PKF downsizing process.

### **THE SUCCESS OF THE TACTICAL COORDINATING WORKING GROUP.**

The Tactical Coordinating Working Group (TCWG) hosted on Tuesday at the New Zealand Forward Operating Base was most successful. There was a traditional Maori welcome ceremony for the new TNI Commander.

The TCWG meets every two-weeks to maintain close working relationship between the Commanders of PKF and TNI to exchange information along the Tactical Control Line (TCL).

The next meeting will be held at KODIM Headquarters at ATAMBUA on 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2002.

### **DONOR'S MEETING ON EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME**

The DSRSG and UNDP Resident Coordinator, Sukehiro Hasegawa, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, José Ramos-Horta co-chaired an information-sharing, brainstorming meeting on an Emergency Employment Generation Programme for East Timor directed at creating work for former members of the resistance and young people.

Vice- Minister for Finance and Planning Aisha Bassarewan made introductory remarks. The World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, bilateral donors, UN Agencies and NGOs attended the meeting.

The meeting concluded with a strong appeal to the international community to support the Government's efforts to address the immediate need for employment generation.



# **MEDIA BRIEFING NOTE**

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