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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**TRAINING IN THE LAWS OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE FOR TIMOR-LESTE'S LAWYERS**

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September a two day workshop for private lawyers was held on the new Criminal Procedure Code for Timor-Leste. The workshop was organized as a collaboration between the Ministry of Justice, the Judicial Training Centre in Kaikoli, and the AATL (*Asosíasi Advokat-Timor Leste* or the Lawyers Association of Timor-Leste).

The day workshop was held at the Hotel-Turismo, Dili. The presenter, Dr. Luis Antonio Felqueiras, was formerly a senior prosecutor in Portugal and now works as an advisor and trainer in the center for Judicial Training in Kaikoli, Dili. The training was presented in Portuguese with translation into Tetum.

On its first day the workshop was attended by 42 people, and on the second day by 34 people. JSMP believes that attendance was affected to some extent by the crisis situation.

JSMP welcomes this initiative. It notes in particular that it is useful for private lawyers and the AATL to work together with the Ministry of Justice and the Judicial Training Centre. The Ministry of Justice and the Judicial Training Centre are to be commended for recognizing the need to assist in the training private lawyers in Timor-Leste. Such training is necessary to ensure a balance in the criminal justice system between public lawyers, who have received structured training from the Judicial Training Centre, and those in private practice.

JSMP hopes that this collaboration will continue and that training for private lawyers will become a regular event.

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