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JSMP celebrates its 12th Anniversary by organizing an academic debate about incest.

The 28th April 2013 is an important day for JSMP, as it celebrates 12 years of monitoring the justice sectorandlegislation inTimor-Leste.On this occasion JSMP will inaugurate a new Director for the 2013-2017 period andlaunch its 2012 institutionalreport. This event will take place on 26 April 2013at Delta Nova-Comoro.

In relation to the celebration of this anniversary, JSMP will also conduct a debate between the Faculties of Lawfrom the universities of UNTL, UNPAZ, UNDIL and UNITAL at Delta Nova, Comoro, Dili.The topic of the debate is *"Incestin Timor-Leste is a crime thatis not yet provided for in a specific law"*.

The aim of this debate is to hear the academic perspective about incest.Another objective is to seek and develop alternative steps to strengthen protection for victims and to ensure that appropriate punishments exist for perpetrators.

*"*JSMP is certain that this debate can produce a range of options and alternatives on how to influence the competent authorities, strengthen protection for victims and to provide an opportunity to amend thePenal CodeandLawAgainst Domestic Violence to include provisions on incest" said theExecutive Directorof JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

This important seminar will be attended by stakeholder representatives from the government, court actors, relevant entities from the judicial sector, university students, civil society and the media.

JSMP wishes to use this opportunity to urge everyone to be actively involved in strengthening thejustice sectorandlegislation di Timor-Leste.JSMP would also like to thank its donors for their support and also everyone who has made a contribution by supporting JSMP programs to date.

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