



# COMISSÃO ANTI-CORRUPÇÃO

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## Press Release

### CAC Celebrates Its 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Anniversary with Students

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*Dili, Timor – Leste*--“Education is Essential to Prevent Corruption”/“Edukasaun nudar Faktor Esensial ba Prevene Lorrupsaun”—this is a message that the Anti-Corruption Commission (CAC) highlights in commemorating its Second Anniversary with school children in Canossa Sister Compound, Dili today. The theme represents CAC’s principal objective to consider this anniversary celebration as an *educative day/loron edukativu* for combating and preventing corruption in Timor-Leste.

More than fifty primary and secondary students and teachers from the Santa Madalena de Canossa and other schools in Dili join the CAC family today together with President of Commission C of the National Parliament Manuel Tilman, Vice-Minister of Education Paulo Asis, Ambassador of the United States of America to Timor-Leste Judith Fergin, representatives of UNMIT/UNDP, development partners, diplomatic corps, national directors and community leaders.

The half-day anniversary celebration features several important activities and they are launched by President of Commission C of the National Parliament Manuel Tilman such as a symbolic launching of the national survey of corruption perception, booklet for children on corruption prevention called “Mau Diak/A Wise Man”, CAC Website ([www.cac.tl](http://www.cac.tl)) CAC Bulletin special edition called “Integridade”/Integrity and cultural performances including video show.

This corruption perception survey sends both positive and negative messages to CAC and also the government as a whole as well as the people of Timor-Leste to come up with an adequate strategy to prevent and combat corruption in the country.

President of Commission C of the National Parliament Manuel Tilman in his speech congratulating CAC for the Office’s achievements so far and stating that CAC was established as an important institution to help combating institutional corruption in the country. Vice-Minister of Education Paulo Asis in commenting the celebration message, he says “the message calls for all of us’ attention, particularly in the area of education, to play our role as good educator to teach our students with ethics and morals about how to prevent corruption in the future. ” And lastly, Ambassador Fergin in her speech assures the continued cooperation of the United States Government to support CAC’s work and emphasizes the important of the first ever national survey on the corruption perception because is it important to “understand what people think and believe if you want to know how to increase the public’s understanding of what clean governance looks like and how to recognize danger signals to their democracy and their future.”

CAC’s decision to commemorate its 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary with students was part of its objective to involve and raise school children’s awareness from their early age about combating