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PRESS RELEASE

Anti-Corruption Commission Signals Corruption Prevention in the Ministry of Health

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Dili, Timor-Leste: In continuation of its efforts to ensure corrupt-free institutions of government, the Anti-Corruption Commission (CAC) hosted a one-day corruption prevention and investigation alertness workshop for the Ministry of Health in Timor-Leste. The workshop was held on 27 September 2011 under the theme "***Preventing Corruption to Promote Public Health Services to all Communities***" at the Dili Convention Center. The corruption prevention investigation alertness workshop within the health sector of Timor-Leste brought together over 225 participants, including all senior officials of the Ministry of Health led by the Minister and the Vice Minister. Also in attendance was Priest Luis Bonaparte, who did a presentation on the 'Ethics and Moral of Employees in the Prevention of Corruption'.

In his opening and welcome remarks, Commissioner Adérito de Jesus Soares explained the role of CAC in combating corruption and outlined CAC's objectives for this workshop. He said the Commission's objectives for the one-day event were to get familiar with health service delivery systems and procedures in various communities; and the methods of control within the administration of finances with the hope to mitigate risks of corruption. CAC also held strategy sessions to articulate views of participants on their approach to the fight against corruption in the ministry and anticipation of a national strategic approach. The Minister and Vice Minister of Health committed the entire day to the workshop and expressed their satisfaction for the initiative by CAC to help prevent fraud and corrupt practices within the Ministry of Health.

The workshop is the start of an effort to improve effective health service delivery system in Timor-Leste by helping to guide against fraud and abuse in the Ministry of Health and other public health agencies. CAC considers this workshop and many of its program activities key measures that will help it achieve its mandate of combating corruption in Timor-Leste. The Commission has had several such engagements with other agencies of government and with various communities across the country.

In the interactive questions and answers sessions that followed, participants expressed delight over their involvement in CAC's programs to combat corruption. CAC distributed various anti-corruption education campaign materials including bumper stickers and the Act establishing the Anti-Corruption Commission; and presentation materials of speakers.

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