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Ministru Prezidénsia Konsellu Ministrus no interlokutór iha diskusaun Greater Sunrise, Agio Pereira, ohin loron 18 fulan-jullu, iha Darwin, hasoru-malu ho Chris Wilson, Vise-Prezidente Ezekutivu Operasaun empreza petrolífera japoneza INPEX nian.

[Hafoin enkontru foin lalais ne'e iha Dili](#), enkontru daruak ne'e ho objetivu atu kontinua halo diálogu ho INPEX, ne'ebé bele sai fatór importante iha dezvoltimentu *Greater Sunrise*, hodi halo projetu ne'e sai realidade, ba interese di'ak liu nasaun rua ne'ebé envolve.

Ministru destaca katak abertura ba eskritóriu ne'e representa pasu pozitivu ba koordenasau ida ne'ebé besik liután ho parte interesadu sira hotu, inklui ANP, Timor Gap, Governu, liuhosi Ministru Petróleu no Rekursu Minerais, Francisco da Costa Monteiro, no Ministru Ministru Agio rasik, hanesan Representante Espesiál Governu Timor-Leste ba *Greater Sunrise*.

Ministru Agio subliña katak Timor-Leste kompromete atu hetan solusaun ida ne'ebé permite dezvoltimentu *Greater Sunrise* ho ligasaun direta mai Timor-Leste. Austrália iha projetu barak ne'ebé hanesan, maibé ba Timor-Leste, ida-ne'e hanesan oportunidade úniku ida atu hala'o projetu ida ho magnitude ida-ne'e, ho benefísiu signifíkativu ba dezvoltimentu nasaun.

Agio Pereira rekoñese esperiénsia valioza husi INPEX, ne'ebé enfrenta ona dezafiu iha dezvoltimentu projetu LNG nian ida, no haktuir katak empreza ne'e iha buat barak atu hanorin ba Timor-Leste. Nia hato'o Timor-Leste nia interese atu servisu hamutuk ho INPEX no Japaun iha projetu ida-ne'e, hodi konvida no enkoraja responsavel sira petrolíferu nian atu hanoin kle'an kona-ba oinsá sira bele ajuda Timor-Leste hodi konkretiza dezvoltimentu *Greater Sunrise*.

Ministru hato'o esperansa katak implementasaun gazodutu ba Timor-Leste sei dudu nasaun, hodi promove investimentu iha rai-laran no hatudu katak Timor-Leste iha kapasidade atu hala'o projetu boot sira. Prioridade Governu nian mak atu avansa dezvoltimentu *Greater Sunrise* hodi maximiza kriasaun empregu iha rai laran, la'o tuir Programa Governu Konstitusionál IX nian.

Aleinde ne'e, Governu Timor-Leste haree katak gazodutu hanesan oportunidade di'ak tebes ida ba dezvoltimentu sustentável ba tempu naruk. Kestaun seluk mak asinatura tratadu ho Austrália, Timor-Leste hetan área marítima kuaze 20.000 km, rejiaun ida ne'ebé luan tebes ba indústria peskas.

Timor-Leste nia ekonomia bele sai ekonomia ida ne'ebé diversifikada no ita hein katak Governu Japaun mós bele ajuda ita iha área ida ne'e, atu nune'e ita bele dezvoltolve infraestruturas ne'ebé halo ida ne'e sai posivel. Ezemplu, ligasaun estrada entre kosta leste no súl, ne'ebé liga Natarbora, aeroportu no infraestrutura sira seluk hanesan portu, eziste ona, harii iha projetu dezvoltimentu kosta súl nian, ho título "*Projetu Tasi Mane*".

Ministru mós hateten katak Governu hein atu avansa dezvoltimentu kosta súl nian, iha kolaborasaun ho Austrália, liuhosi Steve Bracks, Representante Espesiál Austrália ba Projetu *Greater Sunrise*. Agio Pereira hanoin fali relasaun ne'ebé kleur ona, husikedas tinan 2007, ho Steve Bracks, ne'ebé nu'udar Xefe Estadu ida ne'ebé susesu liu iha Austrália no mós nu'udar asesór ba Primeiru-Ministru Xanana Gusmão, tanba ne'e sira iha relasaun metin.

Ministru hateten katak diskute ona asuntus hotu ho Steve Bracks, no destaca katak Governu Austrália atuál mós apoia tebes Timor-Leste.

Nia mós destaca katak Primeiru-Ministru Anthony Albanese nu'udar apoiante boot ida ba TimorLeste nia independénsia. Nia manifesta mós esperansa katak serbisu ho Steve Bracks bele halo diferensa ida hodi aselera dezvoltimentu iha *Greater Sunrise*.

Iha sentidu ida-ne'e, nia subliña presiza esperiénsia no konsellu hosi INPEX, empreza ida ho koñesimentu ne'ebé boot no asaun partiál hosi Governu Japaun. Agio Pereira hanoin fali kona-ba relasaun amizade entre Timor-Leste no Japaun ne'ebé kleur ona, liuliu husikedas krize 1999 no tranzisaun ONU nian, ho JICA sai parseiru ativu no profisionál iha nasaun ne'e.

Iha enkontru ne'e, Ministru Agio espresa katak saida mak Timor-Leste hakarak maka maksimiza kriasaun kampu traballu ba ita-nia país, atu nune'e sustentavel no estavel, no kria oportunidade ba jersaun foin-sa'e sira. Atu ita kontinua la'o ba oin, ita tenke prepara ita-nia foin-sa'e sira atu dezvoltolve espíritu krítiku, tanba ba Governu Timor-Leste, kriasaun ba kampu traballu ne'e importante tebes.

Aleinde Ministru Agio Pereira no Vise-Prezidente INPEX, sorumutu ne'e partisipasaun mós husi Ika Moniz, Asesora Seniór no Asesora ba Polítika no Relasaun Públika iha Gabinete Ministru Prezidénsia Konsellu Ministru, no Steve Ovenden, Takuya Sugawara no Ricard Finch, dirijentes INPEX nian.