



MINISTÉRIO DOS NEGÓCIOS ESTRANGEIROS E COOPERAÇÃO

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia and has the honor to reciprocate the long-standing visa-free travel facility that was so kindly and unilaterally accorded by the Government of Malaysia to all types of passports from Timor-Leste. Therefore, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste hereby proposes a visa-free travel facility, through this Exchange of Notes, for all types of passports from Malaysia on the following terms:

1. Nationals of the Parties holding valid diplomatic, official or ordinary passports shall not be required to obtain a visa to enter, transit and stay in the territory of other Party for a period which does not exceed thirty (30) days from the date of entry.
2. This arrangement shall only apply to nationals of the State of either Party who intend to enter and stay in the territory of the other Party for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days for social visit, and not engaging in paid/employment activity.
3. Nationals of either Party who are holders of valid passports shall enter into, transit or exit from the territory of the other Party through international check points authorized by the competent immigration authorities, without any restriction except for those stipulated in the security, migratory, custom and sanitary provisions. and others which may be legally applicable to holders of such valid passports.
4. The duration of passport validity of nationals of either Party shall be at least six (6) months on the date of entry before entering the territory of the other Party.

5. The competent authorities of the Parties shall exchange, through diplomatic channels, specimens of their respective passports within thirty (30) days after celebration of this arrangement. In case of introductions of a new diplomatic, official or service and ordinary passport as well as modifications of the existing ones, the competent authorities of the Parties shall inform each other in writing through diplomatic channels, about any changes, and send the new specimens not later than thirty (30) days prior to their official introduction.
6. This arrangement shall not exempt nationals of the other Party when entering into its territory, of the obligation to abide by the laws and regulations concerning the entry, stay and exit of foreigners.
7. Either Party reserves the right to refuse admission, to shorten the duration of stay of any person entitled to visa exemption and facilities under this arrangement for national security, health reasons, public order, or by declaring the person *persona non grata* as per the applicable international instruments.
8. This arrangement shall be amended in writing between the Parties, and the amendments shall enter into force after the Parties have notified each other through diplomatic channels of the completion of their internal procedures necessary for this purpose.
9. This arrangement shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date on which the last party notifies the other party through diplomatic channel of the completion of their internal procedures.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Timor-Leste has further the honor to propose that if the above terms are favorable to the Government of Malaysia, the Ministry has the honor to suggest that the present Note and the Reply Note signifying its acceptance shall be regarded as constituting evidence of this arrangement reached between our two Governments on the matter.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia the assurances of its highest consideration.

Dili, 2 December 2024

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Putrajaya, Malaysia

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