SSEAC Public Lecture by
H.E. Dr José Ramos-Horta

Revisiting Democracy in Turbulent Times: Lessons from Southeast Asia and Southeast Asia's Role in the World

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Program

Time	Session
2:00pm–2:05pm	**Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country** Associate Professor Sandra Alday, Deputy Director (Partnerships), Sydney Southeast Asia Centre
2:05pm–2:10pm	**Opening remarks** Professor Mike Ryan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
2:10pm–2:15pm	**Remembering Balibo, 16 October 1975** Dr Andrew Sully, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
2:15pm–2:20pm	**Commemorative song, Ó *Rai Timor*** Performed by Australia Awards Scholars Liria Da Silva (Bachelor of Agricultural Science) and Cristibela Pinheiro dos Santos (Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience)
2:20pm–2:50pm	**Keynote: Revisiting Democracy in Turbulent Times** H.E. Dr José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Introduced by Professor Greg Fox, Director, Sydney Southeast Asia Centre
2.50pm–3.30pm	**In Conversation with the President: How Timor-Leste can build on its successes and work with Australia and the region towards a shared future** Moderator: Dr Natali Pearson, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences – Julia da Costa, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Medicine and Health, Australia Awards Scholar – Liria da Silva, Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Faculty of Science, Australia Awards Scholar – Paul Zaki, Bachelor of Science (Honours) Student, Faculty of Science, New Colombo Plan Scholar – Emma-Kate Dobbin, Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) Student, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
3:30pm–3:45pm	**Celebration of a Shared Future: Collaborations between the University of Sydney and Timor-Leste, 2026 and beyond** Dr Lynda-Ann Blanchard, Timor-Leste Country Convenor, Sydney Southeast Asia Centre
3:45pm–3:50pm	**Closing remarks** Ms Kirsten Andrews, Vice-President (External Engagement)
3:50pm–3:55pm	**Presentation to the President** Ms Kirsten Andrews and Professor Greg Fox
4:00pm	**Close**

Ó Rai Timor

by Nail

Tetum with English Translation

Verse 1

Ó Rai Timor, hau hadomi tebes Ó...
Hosi Ó, ami hotu moris
Tan deit Ó, ami hotu terus

Oh land of Timor, how deeply I love you
From you, we have all drawn life
For your sake, we have all endured hardship and sacrifice

Verse 2

Husu ba Ó, atu hakmatek iha Ó nia fatin
Keta tanis, keta halerik bei-beik
Maibe nonok deit ba, Ó hau nia doben diak, Ó hau nia murak rai

We ask you to be at peace
Do not weep, do not grieve again and again
Be still and at peace, my beloved, my cherished homeland

Chorus

Na'i....habadak ami terus ne'e
Keta husik ami moris hamutuk iha nakukun laran
Hadok ami hosi susar ne'ebe atu haketak ami
Tasi mane sei siak hakilar, rai lakan mos sei tarutu
Temi Ó nia naran ba bei-beik Timor Lorosa'e

Lord, let this suffering come to an end
Do not leave us living together in the darkness
Protect us from the hardships that seek to divide us
The Southern Sea will continue to cry out, and the lightning will continue to thunder
May the name of Timor-Leste be remembered forever