## **OPENING SPEECH**

## CBT LAB TIMOR LESTE

- 1. AMBASSADORS, COMMANDANT GERAL, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
- 2. Since 1997, UNODC in collaboration with governments from some 52 countries around the globe have developed over 100 hours of computer based training for law enforcement.
- 3. As such, in 2004 the CBT initiative became a worldwide project and the demand for CBT exceeded all expectations. Currently UNODC in partnership with its donors and host governments is delivering its training program of over 78 modules, in 18 languages, across 52 countries around the world via 300 specialized e-Learning Centers.
- 4. A wide range of CBT law enforcement programmes are available now, for instance in subjects such as, intelligence, human trafficking, money laundering, and pre-cursor drugs.

- 5. We are now expanding CBT across the globe and business as usual will no longer serve us well.
- 6. To meet new challenges, the UNODC will continue to help build capacities of the countries in the region and around the world, through partnerships in addressing justice and human security issues such as, drug abuse, human trafficking, HIV/AIDS training for law enforcement, people smuggling, corruption and terrorism.
- 7. As part of the new expansion, Timor Leste is the most recent member of the Global CBT faculty.
- 8. Timor Leste will also be the first country in the world to pilot our new module, First Responders to a Crime Scene.

  This will be a world first and Timor Leste will receive international exposure through the roll-out of this module.
- 9. There is a need to address these human security challenges, but also others created by organized criminal syndicates, syndicates which not only traffic drugs, but which traffic human beings, which destroy and traffic

forest products and wildlife, and which smuggle people across borders.

- 10. Only by working together at the regional and national levels as well as by forming solid partnerships between governments and the private sector, will we effectively deal with the problem of transnational crime in the region and around the globe.
- 11. In closing, I would like to acknowledge the work of Commander Edwards and his team at TLPDP, and in particular the efforts of Lorraine Morgan and Steve Morris for their tireless support to establishing this first class facility at the PNTL Training Centre.
- 12. Thank You.