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Timor-Leste Information Sharing on a Covid-19 Pandemic

As part of its regulatory duties, the Timor-Leste Aviation Authority consistently monitors and prepares for a variety of scenarios. We are closely monitoring the evolution of the coronavirus situation and have established the necessary precautions in place.

There are some of the practical steps that Timor-Leste has taken in order to respond to COVID-19. The Timor-Leste Civil Aviation Authority has established meetings with the relevant Ministries to consider the situation and any actions aimed at mitigating the risk of COVID-19 spreading, aside of that The Civil Aviation Authority also becomes an essential part of the Covid-19 prevention team established by the Government of Timor-Leste.

The Civil Aviation Authority is fully involved in the planning process of Covid-19 prevention by establishing a National Facilitation Committees coordination and airport response plan that comprises all relevant groups. Though that we have robust contingency measures in place to ensure continuity of our safety-critical in the event of the spread of Covid-19. Social distancing, disinfected spray, body temperature measurement, 14 days quarantine and some other means been implemented in the vicinity of the airport to prevent the spreading of virus since the beginning of this crises happened.

Having noted the significant increase in the recent confirmed cases of Covid-19 infection in the neighbouring countries, an on the 21st of March 2020, the government of Timor-Leste confirmed a first positive case of Covid-19, who has today reported been recovering, and until today there have not yet been any additional cases, however, there are numbers of quarantines that been fully control by government through Minister of Health. To prevent the spread of the virus into and within the borders of Timor-Leste, the government has taken the decision that since we only have one international airport which accommodating international operation from/to three countries (Indonesia, Australia and Singapore) decided that the commercial services can only be operated once a week every Sunday but under the full supervision of Covic-19 prevention team.

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The airport remains open and other essential flights such as medical evacuation, humanitarian relief, state aircraft and logistic will be permitted in advance coordination with Timor-Leste Civil Aviation Authority. We have issued the NOTAM as accordingly.

In response to the first positive Covid-19 case, Government of Timor-Leste initiated an early precaution by establishing the government Decree-law No.3/2020 *the state of emergency*, which effective on 28 of March 2020 until 26 of April 2020. The State of Emergency includes the prevention of international movement with the following measures:

- The entry of foreigners is prohibited unless authorized by the Prime Minister. This prohibition does not apply to foreigners who are already in Timor-Leste, who was born in Timor-Leste or who are legal representatives of Timorese minors.
- Foreigners responsible for transporting or releasing goods do not need an authorization but may only remain in the international zone of seaports or airports or border posts for the time strictly necessary for the completion of the delivery or release procedures for goods.
- Everyone entering Timor-Leste is subject to mandatory isolation for a minimum of fourteen days.
- Where temperature screening is in place, individuals will be prevented from entering a premise if they register a temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above. The establishment is required to report any such individuals to health authorities.
- Airlines must provide advance passenger information of the scheduled arrival of citizens in order to facilitate the necessary quarantine.

That's all and hoping that this pandemic will be over soon. Stay safe everyone.



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