

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT

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NUS Law Faculty staff appointed as advisors to Timor-Leste

The Government of Timor-Leste has appointed Associate Professor Robert Beckman, Associate Professor Eleanor Wong, Assistant Professor Lim Chin Leng and Assistant Professor Lim Lei Theng as advisors on maritime boundary matters.

Timor-Leste, previously known as East Timor, became the world's newest independent state in May 2002 after 450 years of continuous foreign occupation. Occupying 24,000 square kilometers on the eastern half of an island in the Timor Sea between Indonesia and Australia, East Timor has a population of approximately 800,000 people. Geographically, the island of Timor lies towards the eastern end of the chain of islands running from Sumatra and Java to New Guinea.