

Aprilia Carmone

Title: Benvidu Mai Timor! (Welcome to Timor!)

Abstract: Welcome to Timor-Leste! East Timor, also known as the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, is a small and still relatively unknown island located in Southeast Asia. Historically colonized by Portugal and Indonesia, Timor-Leste gained its independence in May of 2002, making it the first new sovereign state of the 21st Century. Timor-Leste is a place of stunning natural beauty featuring pristine beaches, towering mountains, lush jungle, and historic monuments that remain from the colonization era. With a population of around 1.3 million, the Timorese people are linked closely together. At the same time, the country's identity is composed of many indigenous groups, each with its own languages and cultural practices. Through this exhibit, visitors will have the unique opportunity to explore the history, demographics, geographical location, cuisine, and rich cultural heritage of Timor-Leste as seen through the eyes of a Timorese student.