MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Formalising the desire to develop and strengthen cooperation between Timorese and Victorian Municipalities and their populations, it is agreed to:

1. Consider economic, cultural, social, educational and/or other interchange between local community representative organisations.

2. The Victorian Municipality of Port Phillip will cooperate with the Timorese Municipality of Cova Lima according to their respective resources and through the following support:
   - Contributing to strengthen professional knowledge and skills of Cova Lima municipal officers according to their needs and mainly through sharing advice, professional experience and mentoring;
   - Organising study and working visits by municipal delegations from Timor-Leste to Victoria and from Victoria to Timor-Leste by the public and the private sectors;
   - Providing support with technical advice to assist with implementation of municipal programs and projects under the direction of the Vice-Minister of State Administration;
   - Regular networking, collaboration and interchange of information between municipal officers and interested parties.

3. The Municipalities of Port Phillip and Cova Lima will be able to effectively communicate and cooperate in all aspects of their activities, which are aimed to provide better services to their local population.

4. The Municipalities of Port Phillip and Cova Lima will cooperate in projects where the objectives are the development of trading skills, creation of business opportunities and economic independence of Cova Lima Population.

5. The Municipalities of Port Phillip and Cova Lima will undertake procedures to obtain support to assist with implementing this municipal agreement.

6. This protocol may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the Victorian Municipality and the Vice-Minister of State Administration, Timor-Leste.

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