

DILI DECLARATION

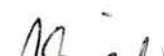
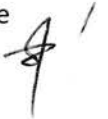
PROMOTING PRESS FREEDOM AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC "The Role of Press Council Towards a Democratic Society"

Considering the objective of the conference in respect of the role of the Press Council to promote a democratic society and also considering the following particular points from the JAKARTA DECLARATION of the World Press Freedom Day 2017, as follows:

1. **Support** the development of quality journalism, investigative journalism and a free media as public goods which are able to deliver the necessary information and create spaces for healthy public debate, for good governance and for public participation in decision-making;
2. **Support** the creation of national and regional mechanisms promoting the safety of journalists and tackling impunity;
3. **Enhance** media inclusion by giving voice to under-represented and vulnerable groups in society, and avoiding over-representing elite or dominant segments of the population, as well as reporting based on prejudice and discrimination;
4. **Strengthen** inclusiveness and gender-equality efforts in the media through the dissemination and promotion of the Gender-Sensitive Indicators for Media;
5. **Promote** the further strengthening of an international legal, institutional and social framework that addresses violence against journalists and impunity for such crimes, and promote the full implementation of existing provisions and structures that address these issues;

During the International Conference organized by the Timor-Leste Press Council in Dili on May 9th to 10th 2017, the representatives of the Southeast Asia and the Pacific press councils hereby, declare accordingly:

1. We, the signatories of the Dili Declaration 2017 maintain the urgent need of:
 - a. Establishing a working body to help protect the local and regional journalists for full endorsement of due rights;
 - b. Promoting vital notions such as Freedom of expression and right to information assimilated to every citizenry, and
 - c. Tackle hoax, fake news and other obstacles that is able to disrupt the free flow of information
2. We also felt the importance of timely implementing the frameworks laid by the Jakarta Declaration 2017
3. With a view to improving the quality of journalism and to enhancing Press Council's role in shaping up a democratic culture, we hereby, affirm the establishment of the Dili Dialogue Forum that will represent the Southeast Asia and Pacific Regional Press Councils efforts to the aforementioned causes.



4. The Dili Dialogue Forum also serves as a mechanism of experience sharing among social communication regulatory bodies within the regions.

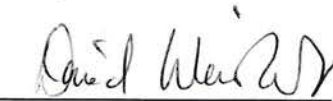
Dili, May 10th 2017

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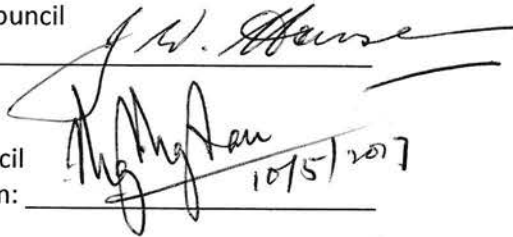
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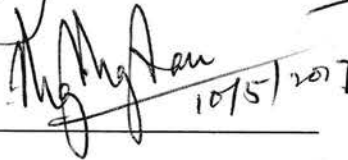
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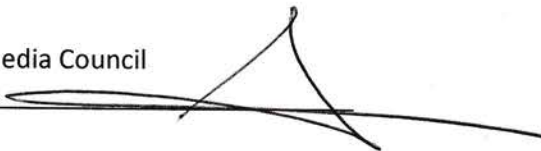
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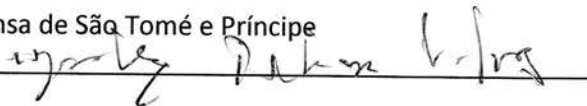


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