**Couture High End Fashion Show – Darwin 18 May 2018**

**Showcasing Australian, Indonesian and Timor-Leste textiles.**

I would sincerely like to thank the following sponsors for their contribution to the Couture Fashion show held at the Northern Territory Parliament House last Friday, 18 May 2018 showcasing Australian, Indonesian and Timor-Leste fashion and textiles.   Without the support and generosity of these sponsors this event would not have happened, special thanks to Northern Oil and Gas Australia Pty Ltd, Luma-Luma apartments, AJ Communications, Jape Homemaker Village and the Northern Territory Government for their kind sponsorship.

Hosted by the Speaker of Parliament, Hon Keiza Purick and co-organised by the Consul General Timor- Leste, Mr Francisco Filipe and the Darwin Indonesian Women’s Association, the fashion extravaganza delighted guests with fashion designs using concepts of freedom, spirituality, earth and the environment combining all elements to create modern fashions.

The Aboriginal, Timorese and Indonesian fashions and designs ensured that each country’s traditional culture and sacred beliefs can be fused in the production and manufacturing of local textiles and the design of fashion garments in both a modern and traditional form as witnessed at Friday’s event.

Fashion knows no boundaries and is the language of all people. The three wonderful designers bought their cultures, fabrics and designs and lit up the room.  Special thanks to our designers, Adriana Dent from Darwin, Rui De Carvalho from Timor-Leste and Ronald Moreno from Indonesia.

Francisco José Filipe

Consul-General