



# Centro Nacional Chega! I.P

*Da Memória à Esperança*

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Centro Chega! Disseminated Information On Archives and Museum Chega! to UNITAL**

Dili, 17 February 2025 – To introduce the contents of Archives and Museum Chega!, Centro Chega! Conducted dissemination to Universidade Oriental Timor-Lorosae (UNITAL) lecturers and 165 students, held at UNITAL Hall, Becora, Dili. The dissemination aimed to enhance the knowledge of both lecturers and students regarding the contents of the Archives and Museum Chega!. This initiative is part of Centro Chega!'s general goal: “historical memories to be preserved and promoted, the knowledge of the societies regarding the history and human rights to be sensible,” and its specific objective, “The collected narrative of historical memories to be archived and made accessible.”

The dissemination of the integrated memorialization program aims to prevent the repetition of past violence through various mechanisms that seek to establish platforms where people and communities—regardless of their cultural, ethnic, or political backgrounds—can share their histories, which involve the communities in the dialogue and memorialization. It preserves historical memories through archives and narratives for the public. Additionally, it aims to facilitate a shared understanding of policies and programs related to historical memories.

The Archives of Centro Chega! is the results from records collections gathered during the Commission for the Reception, Truth, and Reconciliation (CAVR) between 2001-2005, the Post Technical Secretariat of CAVR between 2005-2008, and continue to the Chega! Mandate that began in 2017 hereafter. Over 50,000 documents, including paper documents, photographs, videos, and audio, are preserved at Centro Chega!. Currently, these documents are administered by the Archive Department, the Division of Preservation and Memorialization (DPM).

These documents include narratives of human rights violations between 1974 and 1999. They are categorized into various sections, including Community Reconciliation, Community Profiles, Trials of Political Prisoners, Victims' Statements, Massacres, Correspondence from International Communities regarding the conflict in Timor-Leste, Official Reports, and the initial visits of International Agencies during the Indonesian invasion.

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**Boilerplate**

The Centro Nacional Chega! I.P. From Memory to Hope was established by Decree-Law No. 48/2016 on December 14th with the vision of "Inclusive societies, history of the past to be unrepeated, living peacefully, and respecting human rights." Its mission is to establish post-conflict centers, preserve the memories of the past, promote the values of human rights, build national and international partners, and strengthen the network to implement the relevant recommendations made in the final Report of the Commission for Reception, Truth, and Reconciliation (CAVR)-Chega!, and Truth and Friendship Commission (TFC) – Per Memoriam Ad Spem."