

Who are the Chinese SOEs in Timor-Leste?

I had the opportunity to join a panel discussion hosted by the Chinese Enterprise Association in Dili, which is composed of representatives from various Chinese SOEs operating in Timor-Leste, including China Harbour Engineering, China Railway, Shanghai Construction, Shandong Highway and more.

Could China gain control of Timor-Leste?

Beyond political support, Timor-Leste is also rich in natural resources, such as oil and minerals, which could be of interest to China. As a result, some narratives suggest that China seeks to gain control over Timor-Leste, driven by its strategic location and resource potential.

Does China offer economic assistance to Timor-Leste?

Under the rhetoric of China's grand strategy and growing influence in Timor-Leste, the reality is that China has offered very limited economic assistance or investment to the country.

Why does Timor-Leste import Chinese products?

This phenomenon is not difficult to understand, given Timor-Leste's lack of a manufacturing base, which means almost all everyday products are imported from overseas. Chinese products, known for their affordability and increasingly for their good quality, have naturally captured a large share of the local market.

Does Timor-Leste borrow money from China?

Beyond importing large amounts of cheap Chinese products, Timor-Leste has not borrowed any significant loans from China, and less than 4% of its total overseas developmental aid comes from China. Photo taken from Timor Plaza Hotel. Over the years, these relations have steadily improved.

Are there Chinese businesses in Timor-Leste?

... many Chinese entrepreneurs have migrated to Timor-Leste, establishing small businesses that cater to the daily needs of the population. Along the streets of Dili, it is common to see many small grocery stores and equipment repair shops run by Chinese owners.

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China and Timor-Leste signed a series of agreements aimed at boosting economic ties, on the final day of Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's 10-day sojourn through the South Pacific on Friday.

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Timor-Leste expressed appreciation to the Chinese Government for granting zero-tariff treatment to 98 percent of the tariff lines of Timor-Leste exports to China. The two nations agreed to expedite efforts to establish an agreement on fishery cooperation with a whole industry chain including fishing, farming and manufacturing.

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