

Election Observers (Sent in 2002)

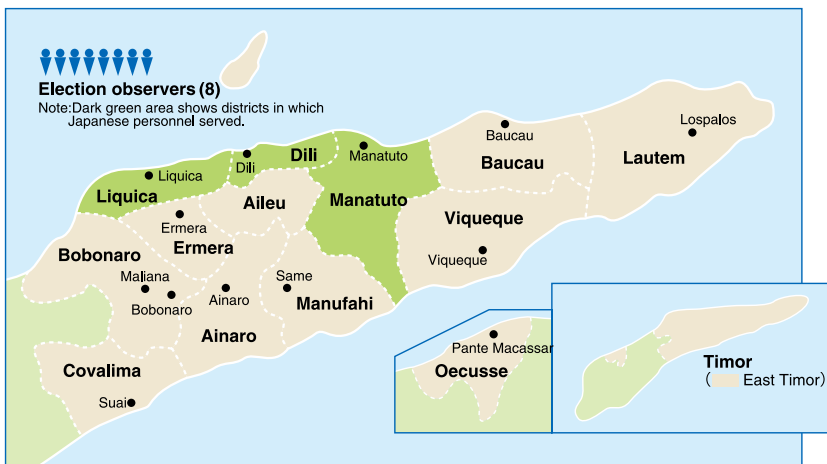
On April 14, 2002, a presidential election was held in East Timor under the auspices of UNTAET. At the request of the UN, Japan dispatched 8 election observers (4 national government officials and 4 individuals from the private sector). They checked the campaigning and election preparations in Dili, Liquica, and Manatuto Districts. On election day they visited and observed voting at a total of 14 polling stations, and the next day they observed the vote counting process.

Voters waiting at a polling station



An election observer checking the preparations

Deployment of Election Observers



Japanese police officers in UNMIT



Civilian Police Officers (Sent in 2007)

In April 2006, the security situation in Timor-Leste deteriorated in the wake of protest activities by soldiers who left the East Timorese armed forces. At the request of the Government of Timor-Leste, the United Nations Security Council decided in August of the same year to establish the UN Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT), consisting primarily of civilian police officers, to assist in strengthening Timor-Leste's stability and nation building.

At the request of the UN, Japan dispatched a total of four civilian police officers to UNMIT between January 2007 and February 2008—the first pair from January through August 2007 and the second pair from August 2007 through February 2008. The Japanese personnel were assigned to the civilian police component of the headquarters of UNMIT in Dili, where they conducted such activities as giving advice to the civilian police component.

Deployment of Civilian Police Officers



Election Observers (Sent in 2007)

In Timor-Leste in 2007, a presidential election was held on April 9, a presidential runoff on May 9, and a parliamentary election on June 30.

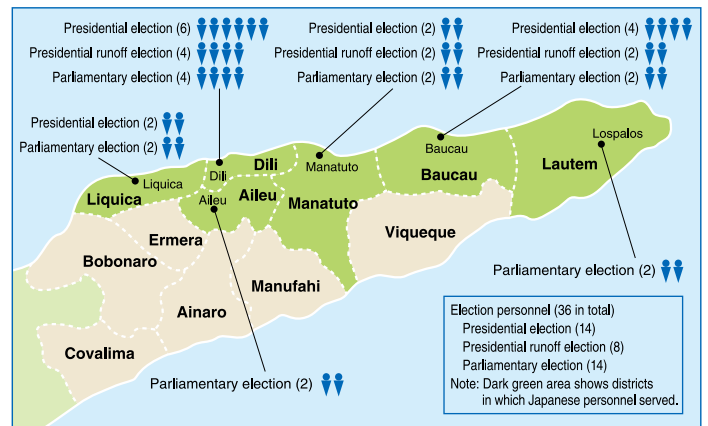
This series of elections was the first time that democratic elections were held by the people of Timor-Leste based on an election law enacted in late 2006. Japan, which has continuously assisted Timor-Leste's nation-building efforts, dispatched election observation missions on all three occasions.

Japan sent 14 election observers (5 national government officials and 9 individuals from the private sector) for the presidential election on April 9; 8 election observers (4 national government officials and 4 individuals from the private sector) for the presidential runoff on May 9; and 14 election observers (5 national government officials and 9 individuals from the private sector) for the parliamentary election on June 30. Japanese personnel were assigned to various districts to observe election campaigning, election preparations, voting, and counting.



Election observer checking the counting process

Deployment of Election Observers



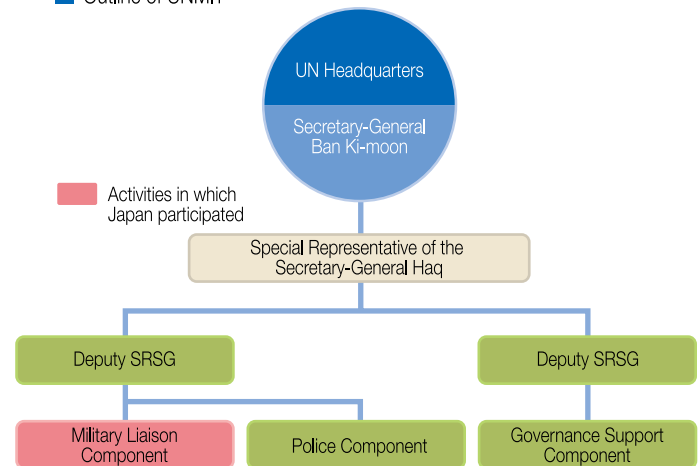
Military Liaison Officers (sent in 2010)

At the request of the UN, Japan has dispatched two Self-Defense Forces personnel to UNMIT since September 2010, to serve as military liaison officers. These two personnel visit the border monitoring points and villages in the assigned region in order to gather security information from the local population, the national army and police as well as the Indonesian army, and to report to the UNMIT headquarters.



Military Liaison Officers on arrival at the duty station

Outline of UNMIT



Deployment of Military Liaison Officers

