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NATIONAL LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION LAUNCHING CEREMONY

The Autoridade Nacional do Petróleo (ANP) is one of the institutions under the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources (MPRM) responsible for managing and regulating petroleum activities in Timor-Leste.

As the regulator, ANP supervises operators to fulfil their local content commitments agreed on the Production Sharing Contracts (PSC). As part of its obligations under PSC 19-10, Eni JPDA 06-105 (as operator of Joint Venture for PSC 19-10 comprising Eni JPDA 06-105, Inpex Timor Sea, Ltd and Repsol Oil & Gas Australia (JPD 06-105) Pty Limited) committed to funding the Timor-Leste National Library Project, a landmark initiative aimed at supporting education, research, and cultural development in the country.

The National Library Project has been under discussion since 2010 and has faced several challenges over the years, including site selection issues, design development, procurement delays, and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the collective efforts of the Secretary of State for Arts and Culture (SEAC), the Ministry of Public Works (MOP), the National Development Agency (ADN), the National Procurement Commission (CNA), Eni JPDA 06-105 (as Operator of the PSC 19-10 Joint Venture), and ANP, the project has now progressed to the construction phase.

Following an international competitive tender process conducted between October 2024 and November 2025, CGCOC-ASUC Joint Venture was selected as the contractor for the project. The project will be funded through local content contribution of Eni JPDA 06-105 and joint venture partners (Inpex Timor Sea, Ltd and Repsol Oil & Gas Australia) and from the Government of Timor-Leste through SEAC.

The construction contract was signed on 19 December 2025, and the contractor commenced detailed engineering and preparatory activities in early 2026. On 6 July 2026, ANP and the project stakeholders will celebrate the official launch of the construction phase of the Timor-Leste National Library, marking a significant milestone in the delivery of one of the country's most anticipated national cultural and educational infrastructure projects.

The National Library is expected to be completed within 18 months and will provide a lasting resource for future generations of Timorese citizens, supporting learning, knowledge preservation, and cultural development across the nation.

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