

## Our mission statement

HUMANE  
SOCIALLY JUST  
ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND

### We shape the future

by collaborating with others to strengthen social inclusion, human rights, social justice, and environmental protection.

### We connect people

by developing cooperation between non-governmental organizations and social movements in Europe and Asia and by encouraging dialogue between civil society, academia, politics, and economy. We are committed to social movements and disadvantaged social groups.

### We promote insights

into life in Asia, the political and social realities of its people, and the state of human rights and the environment. We foster knowledge of the political, economic, and cultural relations between Europe and Asia. We create awareness of how things are interconnected: globally – regionally – locally.

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# Focus Timor-Leste

Stiftung Asienhaus

## Stiftung Asienhaus

Stiftung Asienhaus follows the mission statement „Connecting people, promoting insights, shaping the future“ and contributes to building bridges between civil societies in Asia and Europe. The organisation is committed to the implementation of human rights, the strengthening of social and political participation, as well as the protection of social justice and the environment. Stiftung Asienhaus was founded in 1992.

We are witnessing a globalization that is enhancing the gap between rich and poor and threatening people's livelihoods in many ways. The unjust structures of today's world order can only be changed if we work together with civil society organisations to rethink politics, business and consumer habits - in Europe, Asia and worldwide.

### Our work focuses on

- developments in Asian countries and the situation of their people
- critical monitoring of relations between the EU and Germany with Asian countries

### In cooperation with partners from Asia

- we prepare analyses and initiate discussions and exchange of experience
- we provide information through seminars, publications, film events and exhibitions
- we conduct exchange programmes with non-governmental organisations from Asian countries
- we support actions to mobilize people and carry out lobbying activities

## Focus Timor-Leste

We support the people of Timor-Leste and raise public awareness in Germany. Building a stable democracy, dealing with a burdened past, the fight against poverty, and social injustice are the challenges Timor-Leste faces today. An active civil society in Timor-Leste has the strength to meet these challenges.



In solidarity with the people in Timor-Leste and in the advocacy for a global and righteous world, the Stiftung Asienhaus aims to position itself as a bridge builder.

### What we do

- we work in cooperation with East Timorese non-governmental organizations as well as faith based organizations and networks active on Timor-Leste
- we invite civil society partners from Timor-Leste to Germany for political visits and to strengthen our cooperation so that the interests of the partners can be addressed more directly
- with our expertise, we are getting involved in political talks: We lobby political actors on their work in development cooperation and point out shortcomings in those processes

- we observe and analyse the development in the country through research, evaluation of local texts and the exchange and discussion with actors in relevant institutions inside and outside of Timor-Leste



- through our publications and events, we inform and increase awareness about development policies and human rights issues in the country



- through the „Ajuda Atu Estuda“ (Support to Study) small grants programme, we support students in need of financial support in Timor-Leste who could not be able to continue their studies otherwise, thus contributing to the development of the country through the realisation of professional perspectives