



administering and preparing the nation for independence. On May 20, 2002, East Timor became the first nation to win independence in the 21st century. However, due to the serious corruption in this nation, it had to depend on support from the United Nations and foreign countries.

The huge nation of Indonesia, a remaining negative inheritance of

the past, holds a population of two hundred million and is based only on the fact that those areas used to be Dutch colonies. Independence movements are occurring in the following three regions: Aceh, a special state which is facing religious confronta-  
 15 tions, Irian Jaya and the Moluccas. In the 21st century, domestic independence movements will rock the nation of Indonesia even more.

#### [Notes]

scent 香り sandalwood 白檀<sup>びやくだん</sup>. アジア産のビャクダン科ビャクダン属の中の木の芳香を放つ心材. 香として用いたり, 工芸品の材料に使ったりする. concept コンセプト, 概念, 構成概念  
 common identity 共通の類似点, 共通点 The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)  
 国連総会 assembly resolution 総会決議 Aceh [á:tʃei] スマトラ島の西部.