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Tidore East-West World Monument Festival

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Initially, the Tidore East-West World Monument festival is held to commemorate the anniversary of Tidore city, displaying Maluku's richness of maritime traditions and spices. Held when the sun parallels the Equator line, the festival gained momentum as the traces of Ferdinand Magellan, a Portuguese explorer, were found in Tidore. Magellan's journey to the Pacific ocean, specifically ending on Tidore in 1519, led to an open conflict between Spain and Portugal about the East-West border, resulting in the Saragosa and the Tordesillas treaties. Because of this, the Tidore festival now serves to honor the day of the border marking between the East and the West.

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