



PRESIDENT ISAIAS ENGAGES IN PRODUCTIVE TALKS WITH GEN. ABDEL FATTAH AL-BURHAN

On 11 September, President Isaias Afwerki convened a significant meeting at State House

with Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, Chairman of Sudan's Sovereign Council, and his accompanying

delegation. The discussions encompassed a wide range of topics, with a primary focus on

bilateral relations and the ongoing peace process in Sudan.

The meeting saw the presence of Mr. Osman Saleh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Isa Ahmed Isa, Eritrea's Ambassador to Sudan, on the Eritrean side. On the Sudanese side, Dr. Gibril Ibrahim, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, and Ambassador Ali Al-Sadiq, Minister of Foreign Affairs, participated in the discussions.

Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his delegation arrived in Asmara for a one-day working visit, where they received a warm welcome from President Isaias Afwerki upon their arrival at the Asmara International Airport.

Following their fruitful discussions and exchange of ideas, General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his delegation returned home in the early afternoon hours.

During the meeting, President Isaias reiterated Eritrea's perspective on the "Transition to Safety" concept, which had been presented before the outbreak of the conflict. He also pointed out potential pitfalls and complications arising from the proliferation of various initiatives. President Isaias emphasized the paramount importance of effective coordination and harmonization of efforts to achieve lasting stability and peace.

Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Burhan expressed his appreciation for Eritrea's unequivocal support for a peaceful resolution to the situation in Sudan. He expressed agreement with the views put forth by Eritrea.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES

President Isaias Afwerki has conveyed a message of condolence to King Mohammed VI, extending profound sorrow and unwavering solidarity on behalf of the People and Government of Eritrea, following the tragic loss of over 2000 lives and extensive devastation wrought by the recent earthquake that struck various regions of Morocco.

President Isaias also expressed his condolences to the

grieving families of the departed, accompanied by sincere wishes for a swift recovery, robust health, and enduring stability and peace for the Moroccan people.

Similarly, President Isaias Afwerki conveyed a message of sympathy to Mr. Mohamed al-Menfi, Chairman of Libya's Presidential Council. In this message, he extended deep sorrow and steadfast solidarity on behalf of the people and Government

of Eritrea, in the wake of the tragic loss of over 2000 lives and the substantial damage to property resulting from the catastrophic flooding that has affected Libya.

Once again, President Isaias expressed his heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased, accompanied by earnest wishes for a speedy recovery, optimal health, and sustained tranquility and harmony for the people of Libya.

OPERA SHOW IN CONNECTION WITH THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ERITREA AND CHINA

As a remarkable tribute to the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Eritrea and the People's Republic of China, an enchanting opera show took center stage on September 11th at Cinema Roma. The event, graced by eminent figures including ministers, senior government officials, representatives from the Chinese Embassy, and members of the diplomatic community, was a collaborative effort between the Commission of Culture and

Sports and the Chinese Embassy, and it was broadcast live on Eritrean television.

Mr. Dai Demao, the Charge d'Affaires at the Chinese Embassy, reminisced about President Isaias's successful visit to China, highlighting the pivotal agreement reached with President Xi Jinping. This milestone marked the initiation of a new era in China-Eritrea cooperation, underlining the deep-rooted

historical ties and rich cultural exchanges between the two nations dating back centuries.

The mesmerizing opera performance served as a testament to the enduring and ever-expanding friendship and commitment between these two brotherly countries, as articulated by Mr. Mohad Suleman, the program coordinator.

Ambassador Zemed Tekle was also present at the event, where he bestowed the Wu Opera group with tokens of appreciation in recognition of their outstanding performance. This event not only celebrated the diplomatic relationship's longevity but also symbolized the cultural bonds that continue to flourish between Eritrea and China.



ABUNE PETROS GIVES BENEDICTION

His Holiness Abune Petros, the Archbishop of the Eritrean Tewahdo Orthodox Church, delivered a benediction on the occasion of St. John Holiday.

Abune Petros extended warm congratulations and extended his wishes for a joyful holiday, as well as peace and prosperity, to the Eritrean people both within the country and those residing abroad. His benevolent words were also directed towards the faithful members of the church, as well as the valiant Eritrean Defense Forces.

In his address, His Holiness emphasized the importance of



reaching out a helping hand to those less fortunate in society, encouraging the faithful to actively engage in charitable endeavors and support the disadvantaged citizens of Eritrea.

Development

Social Services in Gash-Barka Region

Milka Teklom

Education is one of the social services that has been given a lot of attention in the Gash-Barka region. According to Mr. Mohammed Ali, director of the education sector in the region, there are more than 460 schools in the region that cater to the needs of 176,225 students, who make up 20.5 % of the region's total population.

In line with the government's policy of mother tongue education, there are two elementary schools that teach in Saho, five in Bidawiet, 21 in Nara, 32 in Kunama, 56 in Arabic, 90 in Tigre and 129 in Tigrinya languages. Like elementary schools, preschools also give services in all ethnic languages except in Saho and Bidawiet.

The number of girls' enrollment



in schools has been rising steadily over the years. Girls today make up 38% of the student population, which Mohammed said is very encouraging and promising. Although there is still shortage of computers and other digital equipment, schools are installing digital libraries to make educational materials more accessible.

As part of the efforts to make education accessible to all segments of the communities, adult education programs, complementary elementary education (CEE) and evening classes are given. The number of participants enrolled in the adult literacy program in the region has increased by 9.9%, from 15730 in the 2021/22 academic year to 17599 in 2022-2023. In terms of evening classes in the 2022-2023 academic year, 309 students attended classes in six schools -- two elementary, one middle school and three secondary schools. In the 2022-2023 academic year, improvements have also been made in school infrastructures and material distribution. Many schools have built classrooms to accommodate the increasing number of students at elementary, middle-school and secondary school levels.

The head of social services in the region, Mr. Franko Kubaba, said, "The Government has been vigorously investing in various water harnessing schemes in the past fifteen years. Big strategic dams have been constructed in major river basins, and the potential of the catchments has increased the land under irrigation." He added that the ongoing nationwide soil and water conservation programs have helped revitalize the environment and boost the potential of the agriculture sector. The three big dams along with the flora and fauna, the elephant park, and mounts Elite and Fodie, among others, give the region enormous potential for tourism.



One of the major tasks of the region's administration has been the provision of clean water, especially to communities in remote locations.



Although there are still challenges, with the participation of the communities, potable water supply projects have been implemented.

Prior to Eritrea's independence, there were hardly healthcare facilities in the region and people depended mainly on traditional medicine. But through rigorous efforts by national and regional authorities, healthcare services in the region have improved over the years. And through ongoing campaigns, the communities' awareness about the effectiveness of modern medicine has been raised and people's trust in the healthcare facilities is demonstrated in their regular visits of the facilities for treatment and consultation.

There are many social welfare programs throughout the region. They include helping out children from low income families by

providing tutorials and school materials, giving vocational training to children of martyrs and disadvantaged children, and giving

financial assistance to families of martyrs and HIV infected citizens. The region's administration gives financial assistance to freedom fighters with disability to help them

start up their own business. These fighters also get material support from Eritreans in the diaspora.

Given the region's size and its steady rise in population, transport has become vital in recent years. Although they were run efficiently, the number of buses in the region were few. Now that more than eleven Harat buses have been assigned to the region, the communities are expected to get relief.

In terms of communication, Eritel has done a good job to reach every corner of the region except Agmayet. And the region was badly in need of construction and maintenance of residential houses, especially after the 1998 Ethio-Eritrea war. Most of the houses that were destroyed have been rebuilt by the concerted efforts of the region's administration and the communities.

Located in the south western part of Eritrea, Gash-Barka is the largest region in Eritrea, has a population of 860,388, and it is a place where eight out of the nine ethnic groups live in harmony. It borders Sudan to the west and Ethiopia to the south. The temperature of the region ranges from 12 to 48 degrees centigrade.

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types of cassava (sweet and bitter) and the proper preparation methods to ensure safety. Promising results from cassava trials in various regions were shared, highlighting its nutritional value and versatility in recipes.

EWAA Chairperson: Abrhet Habtegergish

Abrhet Habtegergish, Chairperson of the Eritrean Women in Agri-business Association (EWAA), proudly showcased the association's products made by its dedicated members. The exhibition featured a wide array of items, including biscuits, cakes, pumpkin juice, dairy products, mushrooms, eggs, spices, herbs, honey products, sweet potato, and various crop and cereal-based products. EWAA's commitment to value addition and organic agriculture

was evident in every product on display.

EWAA Food Processors Representative: Asmeret Damir

Asmeret Damir, a member of EWAA specializing in food processing and packing, highlighted the association's use of sweet potato in creating a variety of products. These included biscuits, bread, and fortified supplementary food for children. The emphasis on organic, easily prepared at-home products underscored EWAA's dedication to both quality and accessibility.

The Ministry of Agriculture's exhibition at the National Eritrean Festival 2023 showcased the nation's agricultural achievements, innovations, and commitment to sustainable practices. It served as a platform for raising awareness, educating the public, and celebrating Eritrea's rich agricultural heritage.

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OPINION

Childhood Vaccines to Promote Child Health

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Last week, standing upon the tarmac at Asmara International Airport, Tedros Yehdego, EPI manager and a director at the Ministry of Health (MoH), proudly announced that a chartered flight bearing special cargo had just touched down. What made it so special? That it was a large shipment of childhood vaccines.

The recent arrival represents only the most recent in a longstanding biannual collaborative initiative that has been running since 2014. Twice every year, Eritrea, with the cooperation of some of its close partners, such as UNICEF, flies in a large consignment of childhood vaccines to help local efforts to achieve national immunization goals, reduce infant and child mortality, and promote child health.

The most recent shipment, the second this year, contains several million doses of more



the Eritrean government after the nation won its independence was the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, a legally-binding international agreement setting out the civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion, or abilities, while it also acceded to the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare

(PFDJ 1994).

Central role of vaccination

Since emerging as an independent nation in 1991, one of the main tools that Eritrea has relied on to promote the health and protect the lives of its children has been vaccination.

Human beings have benefited from vaccines for more than two centuries, while the history of inoculation can be traced back even further. Routine childhood vaccination is an important health intervention that helps prevent serious illness, disability, and death in children caused by a range of dangerous diseases, including diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), influenza, measles, and pneumonia, among numerous others. Today, vaccination is widely recognized to be among the most simple, cost-effective, and successful ways to promote children's general health and well-being.

Over the past three decades, Eritrea has made tremendous leaps in terms of national routine vaccine coverage. In 1991, there were only six vaccines available for children and the overall coverage rate stood at less than 10 percent. Across subsequent years, however, the national routine vaccination schedule has steadily grown and it has progressed to provide young children with an array of vaccines that help to protect against a variety of serious or potentially fatal diseases. This progress, led by the MoH and recognized and celebrated by a variety of regional and global organizations, has helped allow the country to significantly reduce child mortality and promote child health.

Notably, during a working visit to Eritrea in late 2021, Mohammed Malick Fall, UNICEF Regional Director for East and Southern Africa, explained that he was, "struck by the level of immunization [of children in Eritrea]," before going on to note that there, "are many advanced countries that have a hard time reaching [those coverage levels]." (Over the years, Eritrea has received a number of awards from GAVI [the Vaccine Alliance, which is a public-private global health partnership] and UNICEF, for its outstanding performance in improving child health and immunization.)

At present, Eritrea administers 14 vaccines (which protect against numerous diseases) to young children and routine coverage rates are nearly universal, hovering

349) provide routine vaccination services six days per week. In addition, vaccination service is provided at 450 outreach sites nationwide, while nomadic groups and those residing in extremely remote or difficult to reach areas receive service through the "Reach Every District" approach, along with mobile health units and mass vaccination campaigns organized in close cooperation with community coordinators, volunteers, and local contacts.

Cooperation based on common principles, trust, and locally-defined priorities and needs

The fact that the latest shipment of vaccines was possible as a result of close cooperation between the Eritrean government and several partners, such as UNICEF, underscores another important, yet often overlooked, point about Eritrea more broadly. Eritrea's approach to foreign assistance and development, perhaps somewhat unique or less common, has often been maligned and misjudged, with the country frequently (and incorrectly) being labeled as "isolationist".

Instead, as the recent shipment of lifesaving vaccines exemplifies, a fundamental pillar of the country's development agenda has been the establishment of cooperative frameworks and close partnerships with a range of international organizations, specialized agencies, and other partners. Many



than a dozen vaccines. Over the following several months, these will be administered to hundreds of thousands of children nationwide, ultimately providing them with immunity for an array of vaccine-preventable diseases.

Reminder of high priority accorded to children

The shipment of childhood vaccines serves as a powerful reminder of the high priority accorded to children in Eritrea. Although the country is richly blessed with an abundance of natural resources and a long, unblemished coastline, the country's people – and most especially its children – are regarded as its greatest resource and most precious asset. The first international convention ratified by

of the Child in December 1999, not long after the Charter entered into force – thus reflecting the very high priority accorded to promoting and protecting children's health, well-being, and development.

Eritrea's National Charter, adopted in February 1994 and which provides the guiding vision for the country, also clearly articulates the prioritization of children. It strongly declares that, "Eritrea should strive to minimize infant mortality and to care for its children. The children of martyrs, in the tens of thousands, who were, deprived of the love of their parents, as well as other orphans, must be provided with proper upbringing and care. In Eritrea, the rights of children to education, health, love, safety, play, and to human dignity must be respected"



in the high 90s. Furthermore, the country's average coverage across BCG, DTP1, DTP3, Polio3, MCV1, MCV2, HepB3, Hib3, Rota, and PCV3 is 94.3 percent, as compared to 66.5 percent in Sub-Saharan Africa and 73.4 percent worldwide. Through the MoH and the National Immunization Programme, 301 health facilities in the country (out of a total of

of these relationships are robust and longstanding, dating back to the earliest years of the country's independence. Meaningful engagement and cooperation have been built upon a platform of common principles, transparency, and trust, with concerted efforts being based on complementarity and guided by locally-defined development priorities and needs.



Cultural Exchange: A Catalyst for Mutual Understanding

Simon Weldemichael

Cultural exchanges have a rich and enduring history between Eritrea and the People's Republic of China. In the annals of the two nations, the year 2023 stands as a pivotal chapter filled with historically significant events. Notably, it commemorates the 30th anniversary of their diplomatic ties. Even more remarkable, President Isaias Afwerki, in response to an invitation extended by President Xi Jinping, embarked on a state visit to the PRC in mid-May of this year. Simultaneously, both countries are diligently laboring to fortify their cultural exchange initiatives, thereby paving the way for enhanced people-to-people relations.

As an integral facet of this ever-deepening relationship, the Zhejiang Wujia Opera troupe graced Cinema Roma, one of Asmara's premier cinema houses, with a mesmerizing opera performance on the 11th of September, 2023, captivating the Eritrean audience. The event witnessed the presence of numerous Eritreans, including top government officials and members of the PFDJ, and was broadcast live via Eri-TV. Remarkably, this event coincided with "Qdus Yewhans," one of Eritrea's most significant cultural and religious holidays. The program was meticulously organized through the joint efforts of the Embassy of the PRC in Eritrea and the Commission of Sport and Culture of Eritrea. The inauguration of the program featured camaraderie messages from both sides.

Chinese music and cinema have garnered a devoted following in Eritrea. The Chinese opera, with its intricate interplay of musical instruments, enchanting vocal performances, captivating dance, and astonishing acrobatics, stands out as a truly unique and captivating art form. Distinguishing itself from other forms of opera, it serves as a reflection of China's ancient culture and history. Conversations with fellow cinema-goers revealed a prevailing positive sentiment among Eritreans towards Chinese opera.

As a creative and cultural product, I was personally entranced by the movement it conveyed, the narratives it articulated, and the resplendent facial painting and costumes it showcased. The vivid and elegant design of the costumes, with their bright and beautiful colors, was particularly appealing. The opera's performances and singing

styles achieved a level of perfection that left an indelible impression on Eritreans. While most of us may not have understood the lyrics, we apprehended the message conveyed through the performers' actions. This serves as a clear indication that an affinity for Chinese opera is burgeoning, accompanied by a deepening understanding of Chinese culture and history within Eritrea.

A noteworthy collaboration unfolded as Eritrean artist Serege collaborated with a Chinese singer to deliver a song characterized by Chinese lyrics and melody, complemented by the Eritrean Kirar, a traditional five or six-stringed musical instrument. The harmonious fusion of these two cultures' musical traditions and the beauty it generated underscore the idea that diversity is a source of joy and comfort. Observers can readily discern the striking similarities in traditional musical instruments and dance styles between the two cultures. Many of the dances performed by the Zhejiang Wujia Opera troupe bore a resemblance, in various ways, to the dances of Eritrea's Bidawyeet, Rashaida, and Tigre ethnic groups.

The Zhejiang Wujia Opera troupe's spectacular performance was nothing short of dazzling and fascinating. Their elaborate costumes and makeup, expressive and acrobatic stage movements, and unique musical style left the audience at Cinema Roma and Eri-TV viewers in awe. The traditional Chinese Opera, presented by these highly skilled performers, served as a testament to China's rich cultural heritage. The troupe showcased the culmination of centuries-old fine art within Chinese civilization. Throughout history, the Chinese people have been celebrated for their ornate aesthetics, enchanting music, and mesmerizing movements. It is well-documented that hundreds of traditional Chinese opera forms exist, with some being recognized as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

The ongoing collaboration between Eritrea and the PRC extends across various dimensions, including economic, academic, diplomatic, medical, and cultural exchanges. These multifaceted exchanges have been in place since Eritrea's protracted struggle for independence. The visitation and performance of the Zhejiang Wujia Opera troupe



stand as a significant addition to the already flourishing cultural understanding and appreciation between the two nations. Cultural

The Zhejiang Wujia Opera troupe's performance in Asmara symbolizes the mutual respect for culture on both sides. Cultural exchange



exchange assumes paramount importance, for those engaged in cooperation must acquaint themselves with each other's history, culture, ways of life, and preferences. In the contemporary world, communication between cultures and countries is indispensable for mutual cooperation and the fostering of amicable relations.

serves as a venue for dialogue among communities, fortifying relations and nurturing peace and economic development. It ranks as the most effective mechanism for bridging cultural divides. Both countries have fervently pursued the expansion of cultural exchanges. The establishment of the Confucius Institute in Asmara in 2013 stands



as a testament to this commitment. This institute plays a pivotal role in teaching Chinese language and promoting cultural exchange. Since its inception, numerous students across all levels of education have enrolled to study the Chinese language and culture. As a hub of cultural exchange, the institution has also organized programs that allow Chinese citizens residing in Eritrea to showcase Eritrean language and culture.

Cultural exchanges wield the power to foster mutual understanding between nations, thereby solidifying enduring solidarity and unity. Familiarity with each other's culture, arts, language, and history dismantles barriers between nations and peoples. Art, as a medium of interaction, emerges as an instrument of cultural diplomacy. Cultural diplomacy encompasses the exchange of ideas, information, art, and other cultural elements among nations to nurture mutual understanding. Eritrea has actively participated in cultural diplomacy events organized by the PRC, such as the Shanghai World EXPO.

Eritrea and the PRC share numerous common principles and cultural values. Bolstered by their lengthy historical relations, aligned perspectives on critical international issues, and shared cultural values, both nations possess ample reason to continually strengthen their ties, working together towards a more prosperous and secure future. As they celebrate the 30th anniversary of their formal diplomatic relations, Eritrea and the PRC have entered a new phase characterized by deepening mutual trust and cooperation. Among the manifestations of this cooperation is the increasing number of students pursuing scholarships in the PRC. These students, serving as cultural and educational ambassadors, play a pivotal role in cultural diplomacy, offering a shared asset that can be harnessed to expand and sustain the relationship between the two countries.

The relationship between Eritrea and the PRC has taken root and blossomed in the hearts of both peoples. The visitation and artistic performances of the Zhejiang Wujia Opera troupe inject fresh vigor into the existing amicable and harmonious relationship, which is firmly grounded in mutual understanding, shared interests, and collaborative cooperation.

SpotLight

Highlights of the Ministry of Agriculture's Exhibition at the National Eritrean Festival 2023

The National Eritrean Festival made a triumphant return after a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. From August 13 to 20, 2023, Asmara's Expo Grounds buzzed with energy and excitement as Eritreans celebrated their culture and achievements. As part of its commitment to disseminating information on critical areas, the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) organized an exhibition at the Students' Recreation and Innovation Center. In this newsletter, we offer a glimpse into the highlights of the MoA's exhibition, based on interviews with ministry representatives.

Exhibition Coordinator: Anemeskel Berhe

Anemeskel Berhe, a member of the MoA's Public Relations Division, was entrusted with coordinating the Ministry's exhibition at the festival. The exhibition showcased the diverse activities of various MoA departments, including the National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI), Agricultural Extension Department (AED), Regulatory Services Department (RSD), National Agricultural Plant and Health Laboratory (NAPHL), Public Relations Division (PRD), and Agricultural Strategic Information Systems Division (ASISD).

A notable feature was the display of traditional agricultural tools representing Eritrean highland and lowland cultures. This exhibit marked the beginning of efforts to establish an agricultural museum and received overwhelmingly positive feedback, underscoring the need for continued endeavors in this direction in future festivals.

NARI Representative: Samuel Bereket

Samuel Bereket, a member of NARI, took charge of coordinating



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Ms. Asmeret Damir

NARI's exhibition at the festival. NARI highlighted its crucial research through informative posters. Visitors had the opportunity to explore 83 out of more than 6,000 indigenous and adopted plant species, including cereals, legumes, oil crops, fodders, and herbs, preserved by the Genetic Resources Division.

Additionally, NARI showcased a wide range of agricultural equipment, soil sampling apparatus, various soil types, compost, chemical fertilizers, laboratory equipment, and indigenous tree and shrub seeds. The exhibition also emphasized NARI's ongoing efforts in crop genetic improvement, featuring

examples like sustainable rapeseed oil and sweet potato varieties. Cassava, a recent introduction to Eritrea, was introduced, and insect species specimens were displayed. Valuable research outcomes on green feed, indigenous ovine and caprine species, and biotechnological studies were presented.

AED Representative: Efrem Araya

Efrem Araya, Head of Hide, Skin, and Rangeland Unit in the AED, coordinated his department's participation in the festival. AED's exhibition featured various types of beehives, male and female rabbits, and poultry species. The department also showcased prototypes of energy-saving improved stoves, recipe manuals, and a model-based demonstration of the Minimum Integrated Household Agricultural Package (MIHAP).

Visitors had the chance to learn about soil and water conservation practices and water catchment methods. The exhibition aimed to promote the distribution of animals and educate the public about the Ministry's plans in this regard.

RSD Representative: Selam Abraham

Selam Abraham, a Food Safety Professional from the RSD, oversaw the department's activities at the festival. The RSD focused on raising awareness about its regulatory interventions, including proclaimed and draft regulatory proclamations, policies, and manuals.

The exhibition featured informative videos, publications on food safety, and equipment used for regulatory activities. To emphasize the importance of pesticide safety, the RSD demonstrated the use of personal protective equipment during pesticide application.

NAPHL Representative: Amanuel Tekle

Amanuel Tekle, Head of the Seed Laboratory Unit at the NAPHL, represented the National Agricultural Plant and Health Laboratory. The exhibition highlighted the laboratory's rich history since 1903, including its role in eradicating Rinderpest and the international recognition received from the World Animal



Mr. Efrem Araya



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Health Organization (OIE).

Visitors had the opportunity to view vaccines produced by the laboratory, both historical and recent, such as PPR and NCD vaccines. Specimens of plant pests and diseases were on display, along with essential equipment for plant disease diagnosis.

ASISD Representative: Almaz Gebreyohannes

Almaz Gebreyohannes, Head of the Agricultural Innovation Unit at ASISD, led the unit's exhibition. ASISD showcased three demonstrations focusing on urban gardening, hydroponics, and

a zero-energy water pump. The aim was to raise awareness among the public, especially urban residents, about innovative agricultural practices.

The urban gardening demonstration highlighted the versatility of gardening in limited spaces using recycled materials like plastic bottles, car tires, and grain bags. Hydroponic fodder production showcased the efficient use of water and space for rapid crop growth. The zero-energy water pump technology garnered significant attention for its potential to reduce energy costs in farming.

AED Post-Harvest Management Representative: Hariena Kibrom

Hariena Kibrom, a Post-Harvest Management Expert in the Horticulture Development Unit of the AED, focused on showcasing value-added products and production methods related to banana, citrus, and sweet potato. The exhibition aimed to raise awareness about the versatility of these crops and their potential for value addition.

Visitors were introduced to various products, including green raw banana used in local dishes, oranges transformed into marmalades, and sweet potato products like juices, cakes, and biscuits. These displays aimed to inspire and diversify public taste.

NARI Food Technology Representative: Tsinat Berhane

Tsinat Berhane, Head of the Food Technology Unit at NARI, emphasized the importance of cassava, a crop the Ministry is eager to introduce. Cassava, originating from South America and widely consumed in Africa, was the focal point. The exhibition educated visitors about the two

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Working Experience – Nature & Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 years’ experience in a similar positionKnowledge of P&ID, instrumentation, regulation P, PI, PD, PIDHigh Knowledge: in OS / AS system, PCS7, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA), Process Control narrative (PCN), Process Hazard System Analysis (PHA)Experience with configuration hardware/software in Siemens and Schneider product: S300, S400, S700 is an advantage,Experience in Power Generation and Distribution System,Deep Knowledge in Programmable Logic Controller (PLC), WinCC flexible,High knowledge in networking, in topology and communication link: profibus, fiber optical, Ethernet system, CAN bus,
Technical Skills	<p>Able to use diagnosis PI datalink, PI process book</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Able to read and create electrical drawing, loop drawing, layout synopticProficient in English for effective verbal communication and good writing skillsProficient in Microsoft tools (Word, Excel, Outlook and Power Point)Strong knowledge of ACAD and VisioLeadership skill in multi-disciplinary environment.Train and develop local staffAnalytical skillsProject management skillsAttention to detailReport Writing skillsDecision making skillsPlan, organize and execution skillsProblem solving skillValid Driver’s License
•Behavioral Skills	<p>Ability to establish and develop the maintenance department people, systems and standards at start up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strong Supervisory skills. Get things done attitude.Proactive and organized with strong man management skillsSafety leadership by exampleAbility to work in developing countryGood Interpersonal skillsAbility to work under pressureAbility to work toward strict deadlinesCommitment to deliver on agreed targets - Results orientedHigh level of initiativeAbility to multitaskDemonstrated team building and mentoring skillsDemonstrated training and people development skillsStrong interpersonal relationship-building skills and adaptability to work with people of different cultures.



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position;
Senior Mine Geologist
Number required – (01)

Type of contract – Indefinite

Major Duties and responsibilities.

- Assist Chief Geologist to develop geological systems and procedures to deliver quality geological services to the Asmara Mining Share Company (AMSC) mines.
- Ensure that the life of the mine plans are fully optimized to maximize economic recovery of the resource by providing a high quality service to our customers and to be the custodian of the AMSC mineral resource estimates and the Knowledge Centre for geo-statistical and estimation skills.

SHEC

- Ensure that all employees are aware of their SHEC responsibilities and follow company policies and procedures.
- Develop a risk management approach to the team activities and ensure that high risk controls are in place.
- Support the creation of a workplace culture where staff are committed to working safely.
- Ensure that all SHEC actions are completed on time and to the required standard.

Mine Geology and Geotechnical

- Establish, maintain and update the grade control models for each mine
- Ensure that the grade control methods are fit for purpose for each of the commodities at Asmara.
- Document the grade control management which incorporates Standard Operating Procedures for grade control.
- Generate in conjunction with Mine planning daily ore dig plans for execution by mine operations
- Ensure that the RC drill rigs are operating efficiently and supporting the mine plan at least 3 months ahead.
- Develop a ROM stockpile management strategy and reconciliation procedures.
- Liaise with the processing team and provide them with information to assist with maximizing metal output.
- Develop and establish Geotechnical program to meet long term operational requirements
- Assist Chief Geologist to develop and manage a geological database for Asmara Mining Share Company.
- Construct and maintain structural and rock domain models

Reporting

- Ensure that all mine geology reporting (weekly, monthly, quarterly) is completed on time and to a high standard.
- Develop a reconciliation system and report the performance on a monthly basis.
- Ensure that the geology of the Asmara pits are documented as the understanding of the deposit develops.

Quality

- Ensure that the grade control practices are supported by quality assurance in the field.
- Ensure that the mill feed meets the quality requirements to support the processing team.
- Develop procedures for collection and analysis of QAQC data to ensure compliance with industry codes.
- Liaise with the Laboratory Superintendent to ensure that the on-site analytical laboratory is compliant with industry best practice.

Data Collection

- Responsible for transformation and maintenance of existing data or acquisition of new data as required.
 - Ensure that data collection methods are sound and supported by systems, quality control and training.
- Analysis
- Identify technical study projects that provide operational or financial improvements to the operation.
 - Undertake geological, statistical and geostatistical analysis and interpretation of data.
 - Develop and understand the geological controls of AMSC deposits and identify opportunities for resource extensions.
 - Ensure that the lithological, structural and mineralization interpretations are updated on a regular basis.
 - Provide technical advice to other parts of Mining Department on resource related topics.
 - Provide technical advice on geology, resource and estimation topics to other AMSC departments.
 - Provide technical input to strategic and feasibility studies.

Documentation

- Document each technical study project and report conclusions to end users. Tailor documentation of project technical requirements to ensure that all end users are informed of outcome.
- Ensure that all technical study project documentation is added to the technical library.
- Document the resource estimation process undertaken annually.
- Define standards for the generation, storage and documentation of technical reports.

Human Resource Management

- Manage the work performance of employees reporting directly into this position.
- Identify training and development needs in line with the personal development plans and company objectives.
- Ensure that all team members are appropriately trained and assessed so that they can safely perform.
- Manage people’s expectations so that they are in-line with the companies’ goals.

- Provide mentoring and coaching to the Eritrean workforce in resource estimation related topics.
- Administration
- Assist Chief Geologist to manage department roster.
 - Manage rosters of reports in line with expat or local employee standards as applicable.
 - Act as Chief Geologist in his absence as a when required.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BSc Geology.MSc Geology is desirable.Membership of a recognized international mining or geological professional organization e.g. AusIMM, SAIMM, SME.
Working Experience – Nature & Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum 10 years’ experience in Metalliferous Mining IndustryAdvanced knowledge of 3D mining software packages including grade estimation, wire framing, geo-statistics and block modelling.Experience in database development, management and maintenance.5+ years working in large open pits.3+ years working as a Senior Mine GeologistUnderground mining and exploration experience is desirable.Knowledge of VMS and other base metal mineral deposit styles.Thorough understanding of mine geology data collection methods, production planning and open pit mine design.Expatriate experience in Africa
Technical Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Advanced MS Office (Excel, Access, Word & PowerPoint).Advanced mining software user, preferably Datamine.Technical Report Writing.Presentation skills.Resource estimation and validation skills.Thorough understanding of sampling theory and practice.Thorough practical understanding of assaying methods.RC Drilling practices.Grade reconciliation practices.Open pit production and grade control practices.Stockpile managementAnalytical techniques (QA/QC).
•Behavioral Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Communication (English).Analytical skill.Interpersonal relation skills.Accuracy.Attention to detail.Management skill.Ability to train and mentor team members.Sensitivity to confidential information.Commitment to maintaining safety standards.Performance management.Understands the cultural sensibilities of Eritreans.Good written and verbal English communication skills.

General Information and other requirements:

- ☐ Place of Work:
- Asmara Office & AMSC Sites
- ☐ Type of contract:
- Indefinite Period
- ☐ Salary:
- As per the Company salary scale

Additional requirements for Nationals:

- Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from the Ministry of Defense.
 - Present clearance paper from current/last employer.
 - Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card, etc.).
 - Only shortlisted applicants would be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
 - Application documents will not be returned to the sender.
 - All applications should be sent through the post office.
 - Deadline for application: 10 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.
- ☐ Address: Please mail your applications to;
Asmara Mining Share Company,
P. O. Box 10688 Asmara, Eritrea
- ☐ Note to Non-Eritrean applicants:
Please send a copy of your application to
Aliens Employment Permit Affairs,
P. O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea



Kindness Becomes a Responsibility When you have a Good Heart.

Mussie Efriem

Please introduce yourselves.

My name is Asenia Temesgen, I am sixteen years old, and I am from Ottawa, Canada. I am in the eleventh grade at the IB (International Baccalaureate) secondary school.

My name is Nobel Temesgen, and I am 13 years old. I live in Ottawa, Canada, and I am preparing to start grade 9 in the IB program. I live with both of my parents and my older sister.

We've heard you're raising fund for orphans, here, in Eritrea. Can you tell us more about that?

Asenia: We went to see the kids at Embaderho, an orphanage, with our parents last year. The government was, indeed, providing for their necessities, but we wanted to do something on our end because their story moved us deeply. After that, we visited with the directors there, and they informed us that the largest challenge was finding extra clothing. From that day on, we were thinking of ways to help them. When we returned to Canada, we told our Ottawa friends Samrawit Philipos and Mekonen Philipos about it. We then decided to create a fund-raising event. For us, this is just a tiny opportunity to be a part of our legacy of supporting one another because we live abroad, and this is such an exceptional opportunity to do something in our nation.

Our guests today are two sisters from Canada, Asenia Temesgen, 16, and Nobel Temesgen, 13. Along with their friends, Samrawit Philipos and Mekonen Philipos, they are raising fund for Eritrean orphans and have volunteered to work in their home country in the summer.

How did the fund-raising go?

Nobel: We were so moved by what we observed that we resolved to do something about it. As Asenia said, when we returned to Canada, we discussed it with our friends and attempted to raise funds for it. First, we brought some Eritrean items, such as T-shirts and other textiles with Eritrean flag colors, to sell for fund-raising purposes. And because we needed to raise additional funds, we devised a larger plan that included planning a BBQ. Then we arranged the event and our dad, who works in some Coca-Cola company business in Ottawa, invited people to the event we organized with our pals Mekonen and Samrawit to raise money for orphan children. The event we organized was a nice barbecue with beverages and food, and we gave a speech about our purpose. We talked about our experiences at the orphanage, and I think everyone at the event was touched by the action.

Asenia: At that event we raised \$6500 Canadian dollars in three hours, which exceeded our expectations. Our aim was to raise just \$3000, but we exceeded that limit because there were a lot of

businesses that reached out to us. We were sponsored by beverage firms, who supplied us with drinks for the BBQ. One of the firms was our father's, and they donated about half of our fund. It was not limited to a specific set of people, but was open to everyone who wanted to help those children. And our parents, Temesgen and Senayt, as well as Mekonen's and Samrawit's parents, Solomon and Liya, all played an important role in making this endeavor a reality.

Mrs. Senayt, how did you react when they told you about the plan?

I was moved when I heard this



Mrs. Senayt Gebremedhin

notion since all I wanted for my children was for them to be a part of their community and to continue our wonderful culture of assisting

one another. Then I assured them that I would go to any length to make this wonderful concept a reality. And it's not only for them; I do it to satisfy my conscience.



Nobel Temesgen

All I want is for my children to be in touch with their homeland, and this is a great opportunity for them because we live in a different culture and society. My husband, Temesgen, was always looking for ways for them to participate in community activities. We spent eight months trying to figure out how they could raise funds for the plan because we wanted them to be heartened.

You have another group with other Eritrean youth in Ottawa, right?

Asenia: Well, there is the Hidri group, which is a group of Eritrean kids in our community that has around 32 members. We meet every Saturday, have social gatherings, learn about Eritrean history and collect money for donations to kids like us, here, in Eritrea, with our major focus now being the youngsters at Measker Denden. It's largely for the children's education program. I think it's where we first learned about the fund raising and supporting activities, and it's the source of our motivation to start this support program for the orphans.

You're also volunteering in Eritrea this summer?



Asenia Temesgen

Nobel: Every summer, if someone from our group comes to Eritrea, he also volunteers. This year I came with my family in the summer trip, and I had to do something. So I volunteered to teach kids at Measker Denden English. We used the money raised by the group to buy some school supplies. I had a wonderful time with the kids this summer. Overall, it was a great time that I thoroughly liked.

Asenia: This is my second time volunteering. I did it last year as well. When I was here last year, I was in charge of zura n'hagerka (a tour of Eritrea organizes by the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students/ NUEYS). Similarly, this year, I've worked with NUEYS on the website of the Eritrean Youth of the FOURTH FRONT. It is about the activities of the Eritrean youth in diaspora, and all I was doing was reading the articles that have been sent to us and editing them with my partners. I also translated from French to English.

Any other message you would like to put across.

We constantly want to communicate something to our fellow children in the diaspora even if they are not, here, in Eritrea. Even though you may not come here very often, there is still many ways to do your part. It might not seem like you can, but there are so many ways. You just need to look, be creative and find some way to participate. For our upcoming fundraising session, we want to raise \$10,000 Canadian dollars. Anyone who would like to support this program is invited to do so.



Philipos family, their partners of the fund raising