Annual Council meeting of Ethiopian Teachers Association Held

11 October 2015

The 28th Annual Council meeting of Ethiopian Teachers Association (ETA) was held in Oromia regional state in Robe city form Oct 5-7/2015 in Abagelma meeting hall. The guest of honor, Mr. Mamo Bogale, Deputy head of Oromia Regional State Educational Bureau has delivered an opening speech. In his speech he said that, Ethiopian Teachers Association is the oldest association established in the history of Ethiopia. It not only stands for benefits and rights of teachers but also it leads its members on the right track to play their role for the development of Ethiopia. He added that Oromia Education Bureau in collaboration with Oromia Teachers’ Association tries to address teachers’ requests concerned with rights, benefits, and education quality issues including governance in the education system.

Ethiopian Teachers Associations president, Mr. Yohannes Benti, presented the 2007 Ethiopian fiscal year report based on the work and budget plan endorsed by the Council at Mekele last year.

During the three days, Council discussed on many issues performed at the headquarters of Ethiopian Teachers Association as well as regional and city administrative Teachers’ Association offices based the work plan endorsed by the respective councils.

In addition nine agenda were selected by the council. Those were:

- Ethiopian Teachers Association’s election program of 2008 E.C from school to headquarters.
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- The structure of City Teachers’ Associations and their accountability.
- Amendment to the articles of association on number of council and general assembly of Ethiopian Teachers Association
  - Teachers square and its construction
  - Gender policy implementation directive
  - Benefit and right of Teachers and Education personnel.
  - Building of ETA at each level and its finance collection system.
  - Implementation of General Education

The Council recognized the effort made by the ETA executive committee quality improving programs, in consulting Ministry of Civil Service, Ministry of Education and Prime Minster of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopian on the agenda of teachers’ benefits and rights and the council ordered the committee to further press government officials secure as much benefits as possible for the wellbeing of teachers.

Ethiopian Teachers Association appreciated Oromia region Education office, Oromia Region Teachers’ Association, Robe Teachers’ college, Bale zone Teachers Association office, Robe City Administration, Bekoji Spring Water for their unreserved support in providing logistics, to participants and for the colorful conduct of the meeting of the council

Finally ETA thanks Bale mountains national park administration staff for it allowed visiting of the park for free.

Lastly the meeting was ended by having read ten resolutions prepared by the committee established for this purpose to be presented to the concerned authorities.

280 participants were drawn from Regional Teachers’ Associations, City Administrative Teachers’ Associations, Ethiopian universities Teachers’ Association and other officials from government.