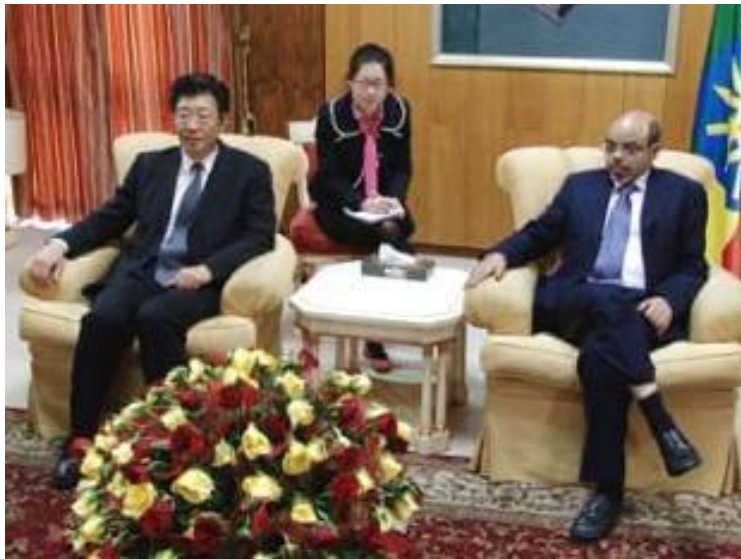


Meles discusses with delegation from Chongqing province of China



Addis Ababa, March 31, 2012 (WIC) - Prime Minister Meles Zenawi here on Friday discussed with the Chinese Chongqing Provincial Administration Consultative Committee Deputy Chairman, Wu Jiannoug.

The delegation paid a three-day visit to different parts of the country.

Meles on the occasion briefed Wu Jiannoug on the prevailing conducive investment opportunity for Chinese investors in Ethiopia.

The Premier said though encouraging results have been registered so far Ethiopia is desirous towards full implementation of agreements signed earlier with Chongqing investors, according to a senior government official.

Wu Jiannoug on his part said Ethiopia's five-year Growth and Transformation Plan indicates the desire towards development and economic growth of the country. The Deputy Chairman also lauded commitment of PM Meles towards success of the Growth and Transformation Plan.

Chinese investors are keen to contribute share towards success of the plan, Wu Jiannoug said, adding, they are showing increased interest to engage in tourism sector.

According to ENA, he also expressed desire for Ethiopian Airlines to begin flying to Chongqing soon to further strengthen existing relations between the two countries.

During its stay here the delegation discussed with Chief of South Ethiopia Peoples' State, Shiferaw Shigute, Ministers of Mines, Culture and Tourism, Agriculture and Industry as well as senior executives of the Ethiopian Airlines.