

A memorial service for Mandela held in Beijing

Ethiopian Embassy, Beijing, 12 December 2013- The life of Mandela was celebrated on Thursday (12 December) at a memorial service organized by the Embassy of the Republic of South Africa, in China World Hotel, Beijing.

H.E. Dr. Bheki Langa, Ambassador of South Africa to China on the occasion delivered a keynote address.

H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Ambassador of F.D.R. of Ethiopia to P.R. of China and the Representative of the Current African Union Chairperson in Beijing, spoke on behalf of African Ambassadors in China. He reflected on Mandela's legacy and recounted on his close association with Ethiopia.



Mr. Liu Guijin, former Ambassador to South Africa of the P.R. of China, representing his country, and H.E. Mr. Ernest Makawa, Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi, representing SADC, paid tribute to Mandela.



Dr. Karen Himlok delivered a statement on behalf of the South African Community in China and South African students in China quoted from Mandela's speeches.

A film on Mandela's life story was shown during the ceremony.

Present on the occasion were Diplomats, Business representatives, students and other Chinese citizens who love and respect the timeless ideals that Mandela struggled for and is intractably associated with.