

The Ethiopian Community in China supports a school in Yirgalem Town

Ethiopian Embassy, Beijing, 24 February 2014- The Ethiopian Community in Yiwu City of China donated uniforms to students of an elementary school in Yirgalem Town of the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' Regional State.

The initiative followed an Ethiopian TV program aired last December on the state of a local Elementary School.

The School is run by a local charity organization, Diborah Welfare, which overstretches its capacity to cater for 100 students that sit in the few and overcrowded class rooms. According to the TV program, the students are in need of essential materials such as pencils, books, clothing, etc.

The Ethiopian Consul General in Shanghai, Mr. Yohannes Fanta coordinated the donations and delivered a gift of uniforms, exercise books and pencils in early February to the students and staff of the school.



In an email Mr. Yohannes sent to the representatives of the Ethiopian Community in Yiwu he wrote, “We made a response commensurate with the call for assistance. I am very proud and privileged to have been involved in the process of soliciting fund and personally delivering the gifts. I wish to share with the Ethiopian Community in Yiwu, the joyful gratitude of the students and

staff of Diborah Welfare School. I also wish to once more express my heartfelt thanks, on behalf of the Ethiopian Consulate General in Shanghai, for the timely, kind and generous support of the Ethiopian Community in Yiwu. ” Mr. Yohannes also thanked the Ethiopian Airlines Regional Office in Beijing for “the decision to transport the gifted supplies from Hangzhou to Addis Ababa free of charge.”

Yiwu is one of the cities where the Ethiopian Community in China is found in a relatively higher concentration.

One of the priorities set for the Ethiopian Consulate in Shanghai which covers the provinces of Anhui, Jiangsu, Zhejiang and Shanghai Municipality, is enhancing the strong bond of the Ethiopian Community to Ethiopia's economic development.

The Consulate General was officially inaugurated in July of 2012.