



## President Isaias Holds talks with Amir of Qatar on bilateral issues



On 07-08 December, President Isaias Afwerki, conducted a working visit to Qatar.

During his stay, the President held talks with the Amir of Qatar, Sheik Temim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, on enhancing bilateral ties and cooperation of partnership, as well as issues of interest to both countries.

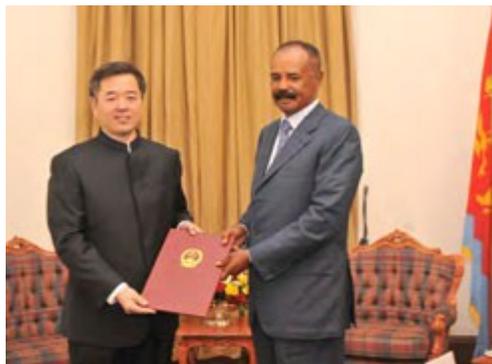
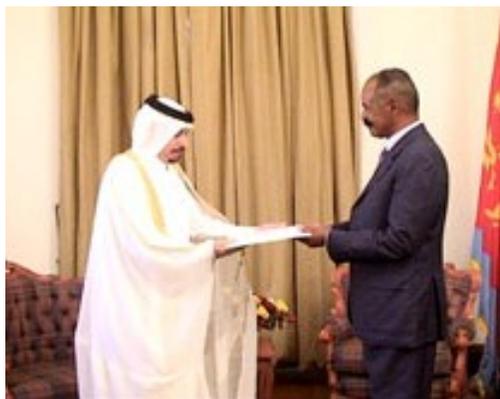
On his arrival in Doha International Airport, President Isaias was welcomed by the Qatari Minister of Culture and Arts, Dr. Hammed Bin Abdul-Aziz Al-Kawari.

## President receives credentials of Ambassadors of Qatar and China

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2014, President Isaias Afwerki received the credentials of the new Ambassadors of Qatar to Eritrea, Mr. Mohammed Bin Rashid Al-Humeidi, and Mr. Qiu Xuejun of the People's Republic of China (PRC). The ceremony took place at Denden Hall in the capital.

In the ceremony, the President asserted

Eritrea's readiness to further enhance the existing close Eritrean-Qatari ties. The Qatari Ambassador on his part explained that he will exert efforts to further expand and strengthen the prevailing relations between the two countries in all domains.



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In the same vein, upon receiving the credentials of Ambassador Qiu Xuejun of the People’s Republic of China, President Isaias commended the impressive economic stride that the PRC has registered and expressed conviction that such achievement lays firm groundwork for the Chinese government to make significant contribution as regards major regional and international issues.

Noting that Eritrean-Chinese relations lies on solid ground, as well as shared values and views, President Isaias said that bilateral ties has registered significant pace, and expressed conviction that it attain higher stage in the years ahead.

In remarks he made on the occasion, Ambassador Qiu Xuejun highly appraised the heroic struggle of the Eritrean people for liberation and national independence. He further noted that they are presently engaged in endeavors to develop a national economy based on social justice.

Following the presentation of credentials, the Ambassador also told the Eritrean News Agency, Erina, that he will exert persistent effort to further deepen and enhance Eritrean-Chinese relations.

**Qatar Airways begins regular flight to Eritrea**

Qatar Airways begins flight to and from Eritrea starting 05 Dec. 2014. During the inauguration ceremony conducted at Asmara Palace Hotel, the Minister of Transport and Communications, Mr. Tesfaselasie Berhane, and other Ministers, senior government and PFDJ officials, heads of national Associations, managers of the Airways and the Qatari Ambassador to Eritrea, Mr. Hamad Mohammed Bin-Rashid Humeidi, as well as invited guests attended.

On the occasion, Mr. Paulos Kahsai, Director General of the Eritrean Civil Aviation Authority, noted the significance of the flight service,

and expressed collaboration with the Airways in all its activities.



Like wise, Mr. Marwan Koleilat, Qatar Airways Chief Commercial Officer, commended the prevailing collaboration and longstanding relations between Eritrea and Qatar, and expressed his appreciation for the support extended by the Eritrean government in launching of the flight.

The flight service to Eritrea is taking place twice a week on Friday and Sunday.

## **The principle of equal access to the national resources and opportunities governs Eritrea's development strategy, Ambassador Girma underlines**

Ambassador Girma Asmerom, Eritrea's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, said that the principle of equal access to the national resources and opportunities governs Eritrea's development strategy.



The Ambassador made this remarks during the G-77 Ministerial Meeting on Governance of Natural Resources and Industrialization held in Tarija, Bolivia, 28-29 November 2014.

In his statement, Ambassador Girma explained that the State and the Government of Eritrea are duty bound to ensure the conservation and sustainable development of national resources for the benefit of the people.

Furthermore, the Ambassador gave emphasis on Eritrea's peaceful and politically stable and corruption-free environment, as well as attractive in-

vestment law, coupled with strong commitment of the leadership to develop the economy. As a result of this, Ambassador Girma stated that 17 mining companies from different countries are already been attracted to work in Eritrea on the basis of equal partnership and equitable share of benefits.

Ambassador Girma also pointed out that exchanging views on how we can maximize utilization of our resources in sustainable way to address out developmental challenges and to the benefit of our people is important. In this spirit, he expressed Eritrea's readiness to share its policies, actions and experiences regarding the issues.

Moreover, Ambassador Girma underlined that on the issue of governance of natural resources and industrialization, it is important not to forget the development of human capital, short of which capacity building and transfer of technology and natural resources would not be realized and industrialization taking root.

In this regard, he explained that the Eritrean Government has devoted the lion's share of its budget to education and development of technical skills, thus providing free basic social services, particularly in the education and health sectors.

## **Ambassador Fessahazion Petros presents credentials to IFAD President**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2014, the Eritrean Ambassador to Italy, H.E. Fessahazion Petros presented his credentials to the President of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Mr. Kanayo F. Nwanze, as Eritrea's Permanent Representative to the organization.



During the presentation ceremony in IFAD's central office

in Rome, the Ambassador conveyed warm greetings and message of goodwill from the People and Government of Eritrea and expressed Eritrea's readiness to enhance cooperation with the organization in efforts to realize its food security programs.

Commending Eritrea's development endeavors, the IFAD President voiced the organization's readiness to demonstrate the necessary collaboration with Eritrea's efforts in agricultural activities in general and that of attaining food security in particular.