Dire Dawa University’s School of Law Wins Runner-up Memorial - Team Cup in AAU- College of Law Round of Moot Court Competition

According to Ato Gizachew Girma-team coach- the competition was held marking the 50th years anniversary of the Addis Abeba University's College of Law, that there were 22 public universities participated in the moot court competition.

The moot court competition, which involved submission of written memorials and oral pleading, focused on the laws of Trans Boundary Water (Grand Renaissance Dam- International Court of Justice Between Ethiopia and Egypt). Its purpose, according to the Ato Gizachew, was to enable law students deepen their understanding of the International Law of Justice on Trans Boundary Water and develop their skills and help their country in its endeavor to benefit from the right to utilization of the Grand Renaissance Dam.

The team, comprised of two students, Hana Girma and Yusuf Ali, faced the team from 22 universities in different rounds of the written memorial competition and were qualified for the quarter final among others 7 teams in the oral competition. It was in written memorial competition that the team stood second and was awarded a Runner-up Memorial – Team cup taking into account the team’s performance in memorial submission. Wello University stood first and awarded Best Memorial- Team cup in this regard.

Among 8 universities that competed for quarter final in the oral competition, both in individual and team round competition, Hana Girma from Dire Dawa University finally emerged victorious in individual competition and was regarded best oralist and awarded a certificate and screen touch smart cell phone. In this regard, Wello University for the second time stood first in the team oral competition.

Congratulations!!!!
University Wide Research Proposal Review Held

University wide second round research review proposal was held April 12, 2014 in Brown Conference Room.

On the behalf of the Dire Dawa University President, Dr Girma Goro, Dr. Yitbarek Getachew, Vice President for Academic and Research Affairs, made an opening remark and welcomed everyone. In line to the government policy, the University has so far made 53 researches among which 31 were completed. Organizing such workshop and involving stakeholders in the activities of the University will definitely help to make sure the real observed problems are addressed and needs and demands of the community are entertained. At last participants were requested to participate in the evaluation of the proposals actively and forwarded their valuable input.

Then Dr. Yitbarek who has expressed his pleasure to see the academic staff being engaged in the research activities prioritizing to the need of the community, took the chair for some time and put his valuable comments on those trends and procedures which have been remained as a statuesque for years in the research workshop presentations of the University.
Annual Internship Seminar Held

Annual Internship Seminar was held by Institute of Technology on April 8, 2014 in Conference Room. During the seminar, annual report of the internship program of the Institute was presented. The annual report revealed that, in the first semester of the current academic year, there were 424 students from different departments of IOT who took the practical training assigning in the 219 governmental and non-governmental organizations under the supervision of instructors to gain work experience. The report also revealed the result of the questionnaire that was collected from those industries (whom the students were assigned to practice) regarding problems face during students practice. Thus, five areas of the problems that were identified including industry related problem, students’ related problems and IOT related problems which presented during the seminar.

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His comments were including on the schedule program listed down and on the general direction of the report presented. As a result, after each proposal presentation, a 10 minutes discussion is to be entertained; and each research proposal is to be grouped under a particular thematic area in order to address the problem of community were among the program side given. Whereas, from the report side, since collaborative research works from different discipline and the number of publication RTI has produced so far have not been included in the presentation, these are to be planned from next year were among a few comments given. The other comment forwarded from the research direction of the report was the use of the words like ‘community engagement’ rather than ‘community service’ as well as ‘research exchange’ instead of ‘research transfer’. The concept of each phrases and the preference one phrases over the other were explained with concrete example.

Then in general, two research proposals from the School of Natural and Computational Science, two from the School of Social Science and Humanities, two from School of Business and Economics, one from School of Law and from School of Medicine respectively presented.

In the one day workshop, in-depth discussions over the technical areas of the proposals were made and constructive feedbacks were received. Then, order to pass to the next more qualified internship program, discussions focusing on solutions to these problems were followed. With that, representatives of private industries and organizations who pointed out about the high financial cost of materials the trainees consume during their practices were remarked as an issue for discussion with great attention. Thus, in order to gain more competent trainees, the Institute on his side suggested some of the possible means to support them starting from the next year internship program. Among these, delivering the available resource to industries and organizations where trainees are assigned to practice and get these industries utilize it to those trainees appropriately was the one given as a solution from IOT.

Then, three students’ projects that were selected based on criteria set - Qualified Internship System Criteria- were made to present their work. Student Henok from Mechanical Engineering and student Roman from Industrial Engineering were among these students who presented their projects.

In his closing speech, Dr. Girma Goro, DDU President, who congratulated students who presented, praised them for their wonderful project made. ‘What we have observed from this seminar is that how much strong support of the instructors has been behind the work of each project presented’, he added.

Students who go out internship next year, industry and organizations owners, other stake holders and invited guests were participated in the seminar.
International Earth Day will be Celebrated in DDU

International Earth Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in DDU with different activities.

The purpose of celebrating Earth Day, according to the organizers, is to promote pollution free Green planet, aware people about the changing Earth due to human action, create a memory to our beautiful gift “the Earth” and to secure healthy, protected and conducive environment to life and to our economy.

During the celebration, different activities such as discussion will be held. Love the world you are on!

New Appointed......

Banking and Finance Department Arranges Training on Electronics Payment System

During the meeting, the two vice presidents explained about their educational as well as work experience briefly. Both then explained their wish to work hard and meet to the University mission through collaboration of the management, academic and support staff of the University.

The meeting was organized by the office of the President and chaired by, Dr. Girma Goro, the University President.

Banking and Finance Department arranged training on Electronics Payment System in collaboration with Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, Eastern District.

Ato Tadesse Moges, Director of the Research and Technology Interchange Office, in his opening remark said, “the banking sector have been supporting the development activities of the country by encouraging saving and holding fares activities and furnishing the great facility as well and ensuring small financial transactions and improving the banking system”. He then thanked the Department of Banking and Finance for taking the initiative and organizes the training. Following the opening speech, Ato Biruk Tadesse ICT Support Technician from CBO, Dire Dawa District presented about e-banking system using power point. During his presentation, historical background, the concept, the use and the effects of e-banking system were discussed to participants. The e-banking/E-exchange system is the exchange of money from one account to another account, either with in a single financial institution or across a multiple financial institution through computer based system. In his closing speech, Ato Bambul, remarked what the future relationships between CBO and the Department of Banking and Finance should be in nut shell.

The mission of DDU is to produce competent graduates, research outputs, and provide community services through education, research, training and consultancy to foster social and economic development of the nation.