Memorandum of understanding between Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute (EBI) and Dire Dawa University was just signed on April 3, 2014 inside the Institute Conference Room, Addis Ababa. The contract was signed between Dr. Girma Goro, Dire Dawa University President and Dr. Gemedo Dale, Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute, General Director of EBD on the edge of protecting biodiversity, conducting research and teaching and learning activities.

The opening address that was made by Dr Geme
do Dale, General Director of the Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute was commenced by thanking Dr. Girma and his staff that took the initiation and arranged the agreement. He further said, “The Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute will be efficient when it works closely with universities as well as the surrounding community. And our Institute’s implementation of the protection and utilization of biodiversity will be true when other institutions are working making the issue of biodiversity as their main mainstream... “And to this end, he added, the role of universities is great as they are the centre of educated human resources.”

“Dire Dawa University is situated in the broad arid temperature zone of the country with unique biodiversity coverage existence, whereas little studies so far have been conducted. So due to this geographical location in the eastern broad escapement area, it offers a wealth of flora and fauna habitat, that the cooperation between EBI and DDU will help great understanding about our potential source of the biodiversity, and help us protect them and engage us in fruitful works of the future. So this agreement should lead to practical work by kind collaboration between the Dire Dawa University and Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute management and create opportunity to these young scientists of the two sides and promote innovative works,” said Dr Gemedo Dale.

Following the opening remark, the contract was signed between the two institutions.

Then Dr Girma Goro, DDU President, addressed a speech

He said that “Among the three pillar activities of universities, research is one of the activities that we give great concern and work that these researches will not have value unless should help the society’s problems; so in this regard working in collaboration with the human resource of Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute will make our researchers’ works be more productive”. He at last congratulated the two institutions’ scholars and hoped that successful works will be made.

The Department of Biology took the initiation and prepared the memorandum of understanding between the two institutions, according to the Department head.
Earth Day Celebrated in DDU Colorfully

Earth Day was celebrated in DDU on April 22, 2014 colorfully. Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on every April 22, on which events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and coordinated globally, but after many years now started celebrating in DDU with different activities.

The Earth was formed approximately 4.54 billion years ago and is the only known planet to support life. The presence of this wonderful form of intelligent life- human race- made the Earth to be unique. But somewhere on the way the human race lost its humanity, forgot to acknowledge the planet that gave it life, and used its resources ruthlessly. Our sheer ignorance has begun to cause severe problems like depletion of the Ozone layer, death of rivers due to dumping of industrial wastage, global warming etc. These have harmed the Earth’s environment. The ice at the poles has started to melt due to the rise of the Earth temperature. This is an ominous sign of what is to come. We have dug quite a huge pit for ourselves already, but we can still get out of it. So under this point that days like Earth Day is started celebrating in DDU mainly to

-remind society to be caring and loving to the Earth.

In his opening speech, Dr. Yitbarek Getachew, Vice President for Academic and Research Affairs, said the Department of Geography organized this event to remind us that we need to take care of our Earth planet. “And it is after 20 years of celebrity that the 2014 Earth Day is being celebrated under the theme of Green City; so the community of Dire Dawa University should act themselves what they are supposed to do to create the Green Dire Dawa,” he added. He further said it is not one man and one Department action rather it is collaboration efforts that demand everyone’s participate in order to bring sustainable environment.

He said, “We need to promote education that leads to suitable or equitably environmental technologies to enhance the conditions that exist at this moment.” In this regard he congratulated the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies to organize such colorful event.

Dean of the School of Social Science and Humanities, Ato Abaya who chaired the

-ceremony at last expressed his appreciation to the National Cement Factory, Dire Dawa Food Complex, HCS and JeCDO for their full sponsorship of the event. The event was marked with different activities- songs from marching bands glorifying day, students question and answer session, and planting trees in the selected area were among a few.

Instructors, students, stakeholders, invited guests and high school students participated in the Earth day.
Public Lecturer on International Market and Risk Management Given

Public lecturer on International Market and Risk Management was given by Mr. Saleh M. Abdulwase, long years experienced scholar on April 21, 2014 in conference room. Topics covered during the presentation include, International Financial Market, Exchange Rate Movements, Money market activities, Capital market /instruments, Derivatives, Risk Management, Application of hedging, SDA Repo/ ISMA (international agreement, Anti-money laundry law, and Clearing system.

Instructors and third year students of the School of Business and Economics participated on the public lecturer.

Mr. Saleh who has worked in the area of financial market for long years had also held the same king of presentation in Haramaya University.
DDIOT Organized Seminar on Embedded System on FBGA Technology

DDIOT organized a seminar on Embedded System on FBGA (Field Program Gate Array) technology for its academic staff of the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering from April 28-May 2, 2014 in the conference room. The seminar was given by Professor IR. Luc Binstman from the University of Groep-T RU Level, Belgium.

According to the head of Electrical Department, Ato Girma, in this contemporary world we live, each day new technologies are developing and new innovative ideas are booming in the field of science and technology. In order to get introduced and adapt these new developed and innovated technologies and ideas, trainings and seminars are crucial in the area of teaching and learning process. It was with this intention that a five days seminar/training organized by IOT.

He said FBGA (Field Program Gate Array) is new technology not available in Ethiopia and is important for the teaching and learning process in the area of Electrical and Computer Engineering that the training was successfully held using SPGA Training Board which was brought by the Professor for this purpose from Belgium.

After a five day training, the Professor donated ten additional SPGA Training Board whose cost is estimated around 100,000 birr for the Department of Electrical Engineering.

Prior to this training, in the beginning of April, 2014, the Professor presented for IOT instructors a very latest software called vivado 2014.1 without license fee guaranteed for one year. This software is already loaded on staff computers and is on use. The Head at last thanked DDIOT Scientific Director for kind collaboration in organizing the training.

Mission of DDU

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.