

## **H.E, Ambassador Ghirmai Ghebremariam Conducted Public Seminar**

### **In Minnesota**



H.E, Mr. Ghirmai Ghebremariam, Eritrean Ambassador to the United States of America, and Mr. Berhane Ghebrehiwot, Head of Public Affairs to the Embassy, jointly conducted successful public seminar to Eritrean nationals residing in Minnesota on Saturday September 13 and Sunday September 14, 2008.

On the two days seminar Mr. Ghirmai and Mr. Berhane covered in great detail various topics including social, political, economic, and diplomatic challenges and achievements of the people and government of Eritrea.

Mr. Ghirmai explained the challenges that have been overcome and accomplishments that have been made in the past 17 years of independence. Nothing the futile attempts that has been made to weaken the people and government of Eritrea, Mr. Ghirmai indicated Eritrea's success in building infrastructure, working to achieve national food security, agro-industry, mining, tourism, and social services such as education and health. Furthermore, he talked about diplomatic issues and Eritrea's positive role in the region. Mr. Ghirmai, remarked that the success of the people of Eritrea is more clear now than in the past ten years and he noted that this is the outcome of the commitment and tolerance of the people and government of Eritrea.

On his part, Mr. Berhane, talked about the significance of organizing Eritrean youth, particularly, in the Diaspora in maintaining their national identity and utilizing their skills for the benefit of the youth, parents, and Eritrean communities. Mr. Berhane explained the successful contribution that the Eritrean youth has been made to the National Charter of Eritrea. Indicating the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Eritrean Youth that was conducted from August 28 to September 1, 2008, he explained the experience that has been gained in building strong, conscious and patriotic youth. Finally, Mr. Berhane said, besides committing itself supporting Eritrean youth, YPFDJ has to work hard to fully engage the youth in community and national affairs.



After their informative, entertaining and open speech, Mr. Ghirmai and Mr. Berhane handed over the floor to the participants and answered several questions in detail.

In their two days stay in Minnesota, Mr. Ghirmai and Mr. Berhane held extensive discussions with YPFDJ, PFDJ, and representatives of religious and social associations.

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