

# Leather Technologists developed brand new finished leather products.

Leather Technologists from Ethiopian Leather Industry Development Institute/ LIDI/ and Italian chemical manufacturer CODYECO S.P.A developed brand new finished leather products. The parties were signed a MOU on July 2015 to improve the development of the tanning industry in Ethiopia through the provision of technical support and develop specific cooperative programs.

Based on the MOU the parties were undertaken the product development activities to develop exportable finished leather types mainly aiming at upgrading lower input materials. According to the experts the developed articles are the new fashion finished products. And they developed about 24 diversified articles that are used for making different leather products.



At the program conducted for the demonstration of the new products, Ato Berhanu Neguse Coordinator, Product & Productivity sector Coordination at LIDI said that, the project was completed with full participation of LIDI's staffs that helps to achieve the institute's goal of knowledge and technology transfer.

The institute should have to work hard to transfer the new knowledge and technology gained from the project to the industries Birihanu said, because nothing is done in the institute regarding mass production unless to transfer the technology to the tanning industry, according to him.

The project's outputs are satisfactory and encouraging and from the project we realize that the institute and its facilities are good and efficient to do different researches on the leather and leather products technology, the coordinator said.

LIDI's technologists who participate on the project on their part said , it is a great opportunity for them working with well experienced leather technologists from Italy. They assured that they got enough knowledge of how to implement a specific project, solve problems and develop brand new products from the very beginning to end.



According to theme the project helps them to solve many problems raised from the tanneries regarding defects from poor quality of raw hide and skin as well as finishing technologies.

They stated that, they develop confidence by the project to produce new products and transfer it to the factories.

The Italian chemical manufacturer CODYECO S.P.A experts on their part said that, the product's developed were new fashion styles. And they appreciate LIDI'S staffs for their for their excitement to learn new things and capacity of developing products by their own.

