

Workshop conducted on validation of curriculum for BSc program in footwear and leather goods technology.

Addis Ababa 3 July, 2014: The leather Industry Development Institute (LIDI) strives to solve the problem related to professional working man power in the sector in collaboration with higher educational institutes the Director General said.



The institute conducted a workshop on evaluation of curriculum to launch a BSc program in footwear and leather goods technology in collaboration with Addis Ababa Science and Technology University. On the workshop different stake holders of the sector: footwear and leather goods

factories representatives, staffs of Addis Ababa Science and Technology University, Central Leather Research Institute & Footwear Design and Development Institute of India and management members and staffs of the institute were participated.

On the opening of the workshop LIDI's Director General Wondu Legese says that, leather and leather products industry sub-sector are among the major areas of industrialization that were given due attention by the government.

In order to increase the productivity and competitiveness of the sector the government has been providing different services and supports to the industry the Director General said.



Basically, in solving the problem related to professional manpower in the leather sector, the institute was conduct different training programs on regular and short term basis.

These programs focus on providing the middle level technicians for leather, footwear and leather goods and garment factories according to the Director General.

As of recently, the institute is working in collaboration with different Universities to produce high level leather and leather products technologists and researchers and provides the first graduates of leather manufacturing technology in BSc program last year for the industry. It also continues the training on the same program in different level as Ato Wonda said.

The institute is working with Addis Ababa Science and Technology University to start a BSc program in footwear and leather goods technology in the coming Ethiopian academic calendar. And the aim of the workshop was to get an input for the new curriculum of the program and to strengthen the Industry University linkage said the Director General.

In collaboration with higher local and foreign institutions LIDI also has conducted training in undergraduates, second degree and PhD level in leather and allied products manufacturing.

