

LIDI commemorates a three years twining project compilation.

Addis Ababa, 12 September 2014:- Leather Industry Development Institute (LIDI) announced that the institute twining program with Indian institutions has significantly helped it in terms of building its capacity.

In a commemoration of a three years twining project that took place at the institutes compound, LIDI Director-General, Wengu Legesse, said the twining project signed between the Indian-based institutes, Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) and Footwear and Design Development Institute (FDDI), with the view to creating competent and standardized leather industry in 2011 has become fruitful.



He said after the twining program, close to 32 people were trained at Master's degree level in India and about 100 people have also specialized in medium-term programs both in Ethiopia and India. And four research outlets were published on international journals.

As leather is one of the priority sectors outlined by the government in the GTP, activities have been underway to enhance export and add value to products, the director-general said.

Furthermore, capacity building activities have been carried out at university and TVET levels by preparing training, teaching and learning materials, research and development materials etc.

State Minister for Ministry of Industry Ato Tadese Haile on his behalf said that, as the reason of due attention is given for the agricultural development by the government through ADLI, all the stake holders have the responsibility to create a conducive atmosphere where the manufacturers get good



prices for their products and also traders who engaged in leather sector run their business properly and efficiently. He also stated that the government emphasized on improving the quality and quantity of leather and leather products to be competitive in the global market.

“I believe that the twining program helps LIDI to maximize its opportunities to learn and share experiences of Indian leather and footwear institutes.” He said.

On the compilation event including the Ambassador of India to Ethiopia, government officials, factory owners, Ambassadors, heads and representatives and experts of CLRI and FDDI and different stake holders of the sector were attended.

The exhibition that was organized to mark the achievements of the project was also visited by the participants.

