

## The 25th anniversary of Ginbot 20 colourfully marked in Washington D.C.

Diaspora Ethiopians residing in and around Washington D.C. Metro area celebrated the 25th anniversary of Ginbot 20, (May 28) which saw the height of the downfall of the Derg regime and the institutionalization of the Federal System under a new Constitution on Saturday June 04, 2016.

Mr. Reta Alemu Nega, Deputy Chief of the Ethiopian Embassy in Washington D.C., welcomed the Diaspora Ethiopians on behalf of H.E. Ambassador Girma Birru, Special Envoy and Ambassador Extra -Ordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ethiopia to the US, Mexico and Jamaica .



*Mr. Reta Alemu Nega addressing the event*

Addressing the crowd at the auditorium of the Embassy, the Deputy Chief of Mission / DCM / said that *Ginbot 20* is a new chapter which laid the foundation for peace, democracy and development in Ethiopia.

“We should honour the Ethiopian people; the various Nations, Nationalities and Peoples who made history and the martyrs who sacrificed their lives while fighting to topple the dictatorial military regime,” he added.

Recalling some of the formidable challenges, such as problems of good governance, extremism, climate change etc... which our country continues to face, the DCM stressed that the government remains committed to overcome them with the support of the people.

Although a hard-fought battle is also expected from the current generation to eradicate poverty Diaspora Ethiopians could participate in extending their share in various investment ventures, the DCM indicated. Remarkable successes were achieved in creating a positive investment environment and hence the DCM called upon the Diaspora Ethiopians to seize the opportunity.

The government is resolute to continue the economic development and democratization process while withstanding the problems from inside and outside so that they would not hamper the progress in our country, the DCM noted. The DCM finally said “the celebration helps to renew our commitment for the renaissance of Ethiopia.”





*Pictures from the event*