The 25th anniversary of Ginbot 20 of the downfall of Derg Regime was colorfully celebrated in Los Angeles, California.

The Consulate General of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Downfall of Derg regime in June 24 2016 in Los Angeles in the presence of the about hundreds of the member of the heads of the consular offices in Los Angeles, U.S. Department of State, Office of Foreign Missions, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Ethiopian Renaissance Council in Los Angeles and the Ethiopian Diaspora in Los Angeles county and surrounding.

Mr. Tesfakrios Hailu, the Acting Consul General of the Consulate General Office has warmly welcomed the Higher Officials from Los Angeles county, Member of Consular Crops, Ethiopian Diaspora and the families of adopted children from Ethiopia.

On his welcoming speech, Mr. Tesfakrios Hailu expressed that despite the fact that Ethiopia is one of the oldest civilized, with distinct and unique history and world cultural heritages, the country remained behind in terms of socioeconomic development and democratization because of tyrannical regimes that disregard the need of it people for decades. He particularly mentioned that the Derg regime had “destroyed the country by immersing it in deep economic and social crisis, deep divisions among the
“society” because of the war it waged against “people, torturing and captivity of the citizen that cost the people not only their money and resources but also the lives of an entire generation.”

He then mentioned the swept change after May 28th 1991, when the military government was overthrown and the federal system of governance established. May 28, therefore, symbolizes the rebirth of a nation; and after then, tremendous positive socioeconomic change and wellbeing of the nations, nationalities and people of Ethiopia.

The Acting Consul General, Mr. Tesfakrios Hailu, also reiterated his believe that celebrating the 25th year of the Silver Jubilee of the deposition of the Derg regime “allows [Ethiopians] to think what was happen before and after 25 years; and helps to renew their commitment for the renaissance of the country by creating a sense of urgency to achieve the vision of transforming the nation.”

He then concluded by recognizing the existing strong Ethiopia’s bilateral bond between US, in particular and the rest of the world, in general; appreciated the solidarity and strong relations and finally called the attention of the Consular Crops that Ethiopia is counting the support from brothers and sisters of the
countries to serve the Non-Permanent seat of the United Nations Security Council for the period 2017 - 2018 and its candidature for the chairmanship of WHO.

Pictures of the Events

[Image with a man speaking]

U.S. Department of State, Office of Foreign Missions
James W. Paravonian, Regional Director.

[Image with two people holding a certificate]

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Mrs. Lourdes Saab, Deputy Chief of Protocol
Ambassador Liliana Cino,
Representative of the Dean of Los Angeles Consular Corps

Ato Jarso Desta
Chairman of Ethiopian Renaissance Council in Los Angeles