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Ethiopian Teachers Association has been celebrating World Teachers' Day every year by organizing different occasions in collaboration with universities. This year, World Teacher's Day was organized in Debre Markos University from Nov. 3-4/2016. The University's Teachers' Association and university administration took the role to organize the event. The year marks a unique event since 50 years has passed since the 1916 UNESCO/ILO recommendation concerning the status of Teachers was adopted. Therefore both recommendations, the 1966 and the recommendation concerning the status of higher education teaching personnel of the year 1997 were highlighted in the presence of officials and conference participants.

On the occasion participants and stakeholders were invited. Those participants were primary and secondary school teachers from Debre Markos City and staff of Debre Markos University, Regional Teachers' Association representative's, Ministry of Education and UNESCO liaison office representatives. The conference were held in Dr. Hadis Alemayehu's meeting Hall in the main campus of Debre Markos University.

On the first day, program introduction was made by president of Debre Markos University Teachers' Association, Mr. Assaye Demelash, followed by Ethiopian Teachers Association President's welcome speech. The conference was officially opened by HE Dr. Nigusie Mitiku, President of Debre Markos University. In his speed he said "to achieve the 2nd Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP), teachers are the main weapon to shape the young citizen in knowledge, skill and attitude".



Dr. Nigusie Mitiku
President, Debre Markos University



Mr. Assaye Demelash,
Chair, Debre Markos University TA.



some of the participants

During the two days conference, three papers were presented in plenary and twelve papers were presented in parallel sessions i.e. six for each of the two group.

On each paper comments, suggestions and questions were forwarded. As each session was arranged to be recorded, reports have been submitted in condensed form to the plenary so that members of the each group would be highlighted on all the presentations.

At the end, high light on the UNESCO/ILO recommendations, discussions on key issues and the way forward was made which was chaired by Ethiopian Teaches Association president, Mr. Yohannes Benti.



Mr. Yohannes Benti
President, ETA

some of the participants

After discussion was over, Ethiopian Teachers Association awarded “Teacher of the Year”. The winner of the year was Mrs. Selamawit Kassa from Harari region. She was awarded certificate

and five thousand Ethiopian Birr for her 32 years active teaching and community services.



Teacher of the year receiving her award

The conference was concluded by thanking stakeholders-Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology, Debre Markos University, VSO-Ethiopia and Education International for their financial contribution. ETA also wishes to thank Ministry of Communication and Information Technology for its financial contribution to cover the radio broad cast expense in FM Addis 96.3.