

GINBOT 20 COLOURFULLY CELEBRATED AT THE ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY IN LONDON

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The 24th anniversary of Ginbot 20 (May 28) marking the victory over the military dictatorship of the Derg regime was colourfully celebrated at the Ethiopian Embassy in London. A large number of Members of the Ethiopian community in the UK turned out in large numbers to attend the event.



On the occasion, Ethiopia's Ambassador to the UK, H.E Berhanu Kebede underscored the importance of the celebration saying that Ginbot 20 (May 28) heralded our country's march towards democracy, peace, prosperity and development. He highlighted the fact that this year's celebration coincided with the successful conclusion of the 5th national elections in Ethiopia. He went on to say that the country had entered a growth and development trajectory unparalleled in its recent history. He pointed to the encouraging results achieved at the end of the implementation of the First Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP1) and said that GTP2 ,which is due to start shortly, will keep the country on track to achieve its

objective of becoming a middle income country by 2025. He concluded his remarks by calling on members the Ethiopian Diaspora to redouble their participation.

The representatives of Tigray, Amhara, Oromia, SNNP and Somali communities also addressed the gathering highlighting the significance of Ginbot 20 and the socio-economic progress the country has been going through in the past 24 years. They expressed their commitment to stand firmly with the Government in its development endeavours. Representatives of Ethiopian communities in Wales and Southwest England also addressed the audience and conveyed a similar message.



A documentary film produced for the occasion by the Embassy, depicting Ethiopia's continued march towards prosperity and development, was screened and was highly appreciated by the audience.

A special ceremony was also held to award certificates of recognition to associations which contributed greatly to mobilize their members to participate in the development activities of the country during the First GTP period.



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Video footage from the event will be available soon on our YouTube page: www.youtube.com/user/EthioEmbassyUK.

The video "Emerging Ethiopia" will also be available on our Facebook page soon.