

The Sidama Nation Celebrates its New Year, 'Fichchee'

September 06 2010 (SLF)-The celebration of Fichchee, Sidama's New Year, has been started in style in the Sidama land and around world today in the eve of New Year's Day that will be followed by 'Chambalaalla' celebration in the New Year's Day. There will be series of events and celebrations that last for few weeks involving entire sidama people. Sidama people around the world have also observed this epic day with sprit of unity with sidama people at home.

The Fichchee celebration is one of main cultural traditions handed down from generations to generations and has very important cultural value. The sidama is one of a few nations in the world to have developed its own calendar. The system is based on cycles of the lunar phase that consists 12 months in one year cycle.

SLF wishes happy and prosperous New Year to all Sidama people. In this New Year, SLF also calls up on all Sidamas to continue resisting tyrannical TPLF regime's call for submission.

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