

TPLF 40th anniversary colorfully celebrated in the Netherlands

On 28 March 2015, more than 200 Ethiopians and people of Ethiopian origin have colorfully celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) in the city of Rotterdam.

The ceremony was organized by the Tigray Development Association based in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. During the celebration, traditional food was served to the participants and traditional music was played by a band coming from Ethiopia.

Addressing the participants, H.E. Ambassador Teshome Toga said that the struggle was initially started by a small number of TPLF fighters. The secret behind the success of the TPLF/EPDRF struggle against the oppressive military regime of the Derg was that it provided a direct answer to the striving of the people for freedom and equality. He also underlined the immense sacrifice paid by the TPLF and the peoples of Tigray for the realization of equality between Nations, Nationalities and Peoples of Ethiopia and for the democratization process and development of the country. After liberation of the country from the communist Derg, the TPLF/EPDRF, in collaboration with other democratic forces, played a decisive role for the development of policies and strategies guiding the country on the right socio-economic and political track. Today our country Ethiopia is achieving a successful economic development confirmed by international partners, and it strives to become a middle-income economy by 2025. Ambassador Teshome Toga called upon the participants to continue their efforts for the Renaissance of the country in all aspects.

H.E. Ambassador Teshome Toga also expressed the commitment of the Government to make the fifth national and regional elections fair, free and democratic. Furthermore, he called the Ethiopians and Ethiopian origins living in the Netherland to increase their participation through investment and promotion of the good image of the country abroad.

During the celebration, Diaspora members living in the Netherlands reaffirmed their commitment to continue their efforts for the realization of the economic development of the country.