

The Deputy Mayor of Pingdingshan City visits the Ethiopian Embassy

H.E. Amb. Seyoum Mesfin, Ethiopia's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China welcomed H.E. Mr. Huang Xiang Li, the Deputy Mayor of Pingdingshan City in Henan Province on January 16, 2012 and discussed on issues of mutual importance.



Photo taken at the occasion of the visiting Pingdingshan delegation to the Ethiopian Embassy.

The two sides exchanged best wishes on the occasion of the Chinese New Year which begins on the 23rd of January. Amb. Seyoum said the Embassy is honored by the visit of the delegation at the special family gathering festival, the Spring Festival of China, and wished the Honorable Mayor and members of his delegation a

Happy New year. He added the visit of the delegation at this special occasion is an expression of warm friendship. They shared pleasant memories of the visit of the delegation led by H.E. Amb. Seyoum to Pingdingshan city in early July 2011.

They underscored on the need to work together to strengthen ties both in business and people to people relations. Honorable Mr. Huang Xiang Li expressed his desire to work with the Embassy in introducing and familiarizing Ethiopia's investment opportunities to businesses in Pingdingshan City that wish to go global.

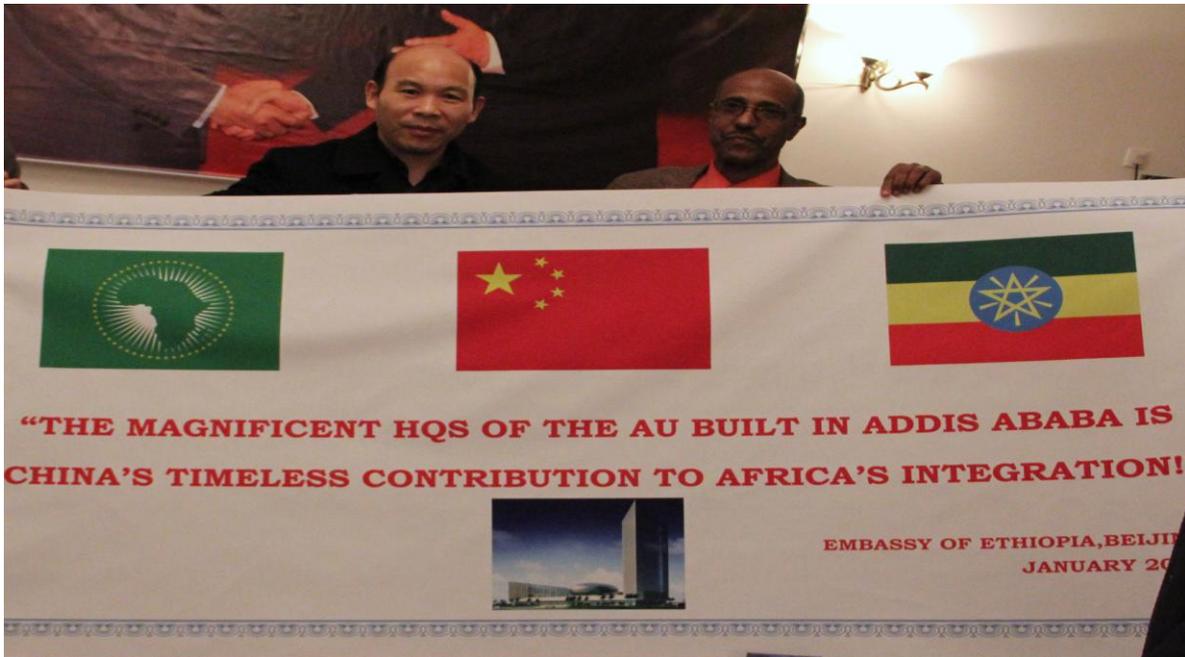
Amb. Seyoum also shared his plan to lead a delegation to Henan and to Pingdingshan City. The Embassy gives high priority to strengthening the relations with Henan Province and is closely working with the Henan Foreign Affairs Office with the aim of establishing a Henan Industrial Zone in Ethiopia. Amb. Seyoum invited the Honorable Deputy Mayor to lead the participation of Pingdingshan City in this venture.

Amb. Seyoum invited a joint government-business delegation from Pingdingshan City led by the Honorable Deputy Mayor to visit Ethiopia and assess the business environment firsthand. Honorable Mr. Huang Xiang Li welcomed the invitation and the two sides agreed to work closely in this regard.

Deputy Mayor Huang Xiang Li recalled the discussion with Amb. Seyoum on twining Pingdingshan City with an Ethiopian city. The two sides shared views

on the contribution of establishing sister city relationship on people-to-people relation.

Amb. Seyoum briefed the Deputy Mayor on the inauguration, on January 27 this year, of the newly built African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa. He said the building is China's monumental contribution to Africa's integration.



Amb. Seyoum presenting a banner, depicting the AU HQS, to the Honourable Deputy Mayor of Pingdingshan.