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TRAINING

Training of Business Advisers

The Department of Outreach Services, School of Graduates, SMUC, organized a Training of Business Advisers (ToBA) in collaboration with IntEnt Foundation. The training took place from the 13th to 14th May 2011 at the School of Graduates, SMUC.

The objective of the training according to Ato Tewodros Bezu, Head Center for Entrepreneurship Innovation, was to train local business advisers.



Mr. Iwan Zunder, the resource person from IntEnt Foundation, dealt with issues like Training of Business Advisers (ToBA Basics) focusing on new advisers to the IntEnt Program and 'Training of Business Advisers of Market Research Action Plan (MRAP) – ToBA', focusing on advisers who would support market research in Ethiopia.

Top and Middle Management Training



The Training Unit of the Human Resource Management Office, SMUC, organized a training on 'Effective Leadership Skills' to top and middle level managers of the UC on May 20 and 21, 2011



According to Ato Tesfaye G/Meskel, Training Expert of the Office, the objective of the training, given by Ato Teshome Bekele from the Faculty of Business Education (FBE), AAU, was to enhance the skills of the top and middle level managers of the UC in their respective positions. Ato Teshome Bekele, the resource person, among other things, talked on 'Leadership Conceptual Foundation', 'Leadership Skills', 'Leading Effective Teams', 'Gender and Leadership.' At the end, certificates were awarded to the trainees by the President, Ato Wondwosen Tamirat (Asst. Prof.).

Mekaneyesus Seminary Instructors Trained

In another development, the Training unit of the HRM Office gave training on 'Distance Materials Writing and Editing' to more than 26 Mekaneyesus Seminary instructors. The training given by Ato Ketsela Hailu, Material Development and Tutorial Head, and Ato Tesfay G/Meskel, Training Expert of the HRM Office, both from St. Mary's, was to train course writers for the seminary. The training took place on May 20, 2011 at Mekaneyesus Seminary.

Ato Tesfaye G/Meskel reported that the trainers talked on topics like, 'Concept of Distance Education', 'How to write Self-learning Materials' 'How to Edit Self-learning Materials' etc.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Panel Discussion on Nile



Initiated by the Office of Information & Communication, two resourceful panelists, dealing with the Nile, held awareness creation panel discussion with SMUC community. The panel was held on June 4, 2011 at the Multi-purpose Hall, Mexico Campus.

Ato Emiru Tamrat, a consultant, who has extensive experience in international law, and researcher on cross-boundary rivers as a law professional, remarked the exclusive and colonial nature of the Pre-Nile Basin Initiative and the role of the international law toward the utilization of the water.

The Second speaker, Ato Zenebe Kebede, Director-General For International Legal Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, talked mainly on the just and equitable utilization of Abay. He stressed the right of the Ethiopian people to use Abay to their development solely on their own, continuing to reach out to non-signatory basin states of the Cooperative Framework Agreement (CFA) to subscribe to the agreement. He also stated that Ethiopia goes on promoting its relations with the riparian counties both down- and upstream.

Participants, at the end of the panel, forwarded questions and noted that they found the panel useful.

Salesmanship in Action in Support of the Renaissance Dam



First year TVET and degree program students, in collaboration with the Department of Marketing Management and pertinent instructors, held their annual 'Salesmanship in Action' event for the eighth time. It was held with the major theme 'Build the Future' from May 30-June 5, 2011 at Mexico Campus.

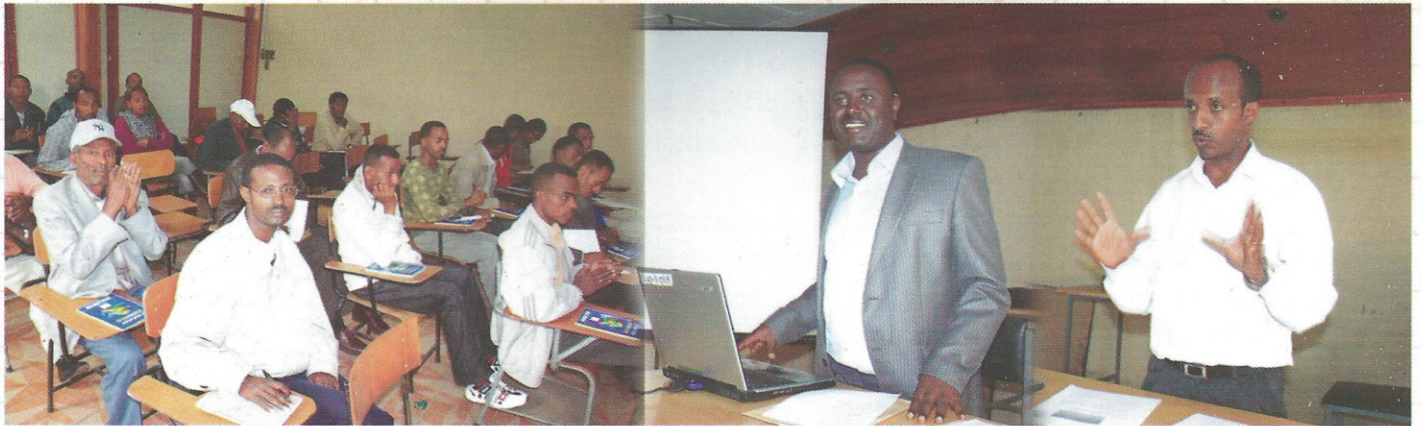
The objective of the event was to help students integrate the classroom theories with hands-on experience. Students worked hard to find sponsors and companies to enable them have commodities on consignment. Ambassador Garment PLC, BGI, Yes Bottled Water Company, Pepsi, Posterity Psychological Therapy & Training Center, Meleya Foundation, Tedy Studio were some of the sponsors. They sold the products they got from Jassiel Business PLC, HSBE International PLC on consignment; and have decided to donate the proceeds of the sales to the Renaissance Dam. The students, their instructors and the management of St. Mary's extend their thanks and appreciation to all businesses for bringing the event to a successful end.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Training on Basic Skill of Library Services

The Library & Documentation Unit, SMUC, gave training on the 'Basic Skills of Library Science'. The training was given to 39 library staff members from the Federal Prison Administration coming from seven regional Administrations and the Diredawa and Addis Ababa City Administrations from April 2-6, 2011 at the Multi-purpose Hall, SMUC.

The main objective of the training was to improve the basic library skills of the trainees so that they could render better library services. The resource persons, Ato Biruk Megersa, Ato Getahun Semeon, and Ato Sentayech Alemayehu, all from SMUC, dealt with the basics of library science classification, cataloging and customers handling.



Finally, certificates were handed over to the trainees by Ato Mengistu Tufa, Deputy Director of the Federal Prison Administration, and Ato Legese Negash, Rehabilitation & Development Sector, of the Federal Prisons Administration and Ato Tedla Haile, Executive Vice-President of St. Mary's.

Training and Experience Sharing

The Registrar Office of St. Mary's organized training and experience sharing session to preparatory and high school directors and assistants on March the 26th 2011. The session was held at the Business Syndicate Room, Mexico Campus.

Ato Alemu Mankelklot and Ato Habtamu Tadesse from the Registrar Office, SMUC, talked on the different methods of designing schedules, i.e. how to construct high school timetable by avoiding the 'trial and error' method, the advantages and disadvantages of automating class program, etc.

According to Ato Samson Tilahun, Head of the Registrar Office, the participants commented that they found the Consecutive Method of constructing timetable flexible and feasible for their schools.



Entrepreneurship and Business Plan Training

The Management Department, Business Faculty, SMUC, gave training on 'Entrepreneurship' from, March 21-25 and 'Business Plan' from, March 28-30,2011 to Lideta Sub-city Micro & Small Business Office employees at the Business Syndicate Room, Mexico Campus,



Ato Yimer Adem and Ato Meselu Fanta talked on many related issues of which some were 'Concepts of Entrepreneurship', 'Ways of Survival in the Market,' 'Generating a Business Idea.



Finally, certificates were awarded to the trainees of the two groups at the end of each training session sequentially by Ato Baye Nigatu, Information & Communication Office Head, and Ato Goitom Abraham, Vice-President for Business & Administration.

Communication Skills and Customer Services

The Business Faculty of St. Mary's gave training to Secretaries of different districts of Lideta and Kirkos Sub-cities at Mexico Campus, SMUC.

According to Ato Abate Lakew, Head of the Faculty, 'Communication Skills' was given to twenty secretaries from the districts of Lideta Sub-city from April 4-6; and 'Customer Services' to twenty-four secretaries working in the districts of Kirkos Sub-city on April 12 and 13,2011.



Ato Zelallem Tadesse, from the Department of Management, on his part, talked on communication skills' which are vitally important to the secretaries who encounter customers from diverse cultures.



At the end, certificates were handed over by W/o Ergogite Tesfaye, Head of Gender Office, and by Ato Abate Lakew, Business Faculty Head.

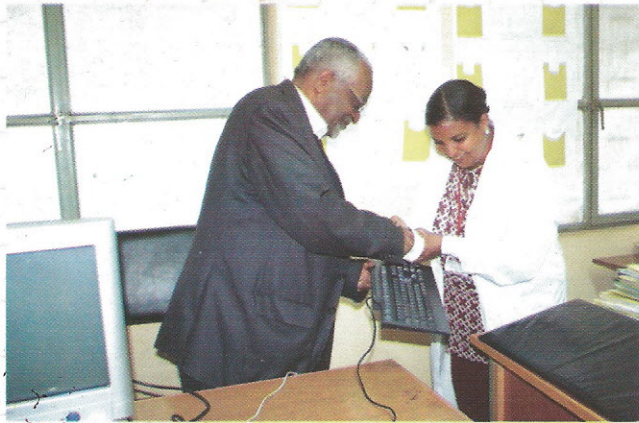
Book Donation

St. Mary's University College donated more than 200 books to the Ethiopian Federal Prison Administration on March 31, 2011. The books, which would be used by inmates in the Federal Prisons, have been handed over to the Federal Prisons,

Education and Training Directorate. Some years back, the University College had also donated distance learning modules to the Federal Prison Administration and gave scholarship awards to more than two-hundred inmates, who qualified for pursuing their education in the undergraduate programs of the distance mode of learning.



Computer Donation



Similarly, St. Mary's University College donated a desk-top computer to the 'Meskerem' Primary School, Lideta Sub-city, as per the request of the school to augment its ICT program.

Events Support

The UC contributed its own support to enable Ato Anteneh Yigzaw and Ato Bayulegn Ayalew hold their literary writing inauguration events on May the 7th and May the 30th 2011 at Edna Mall and National Theatre, respectively.

In another development, the UC extended its support to Mary Joy Development Association toward realizing the '5 Kms Welfare Run', which took place around Meskel Square on the 10th of April 2011. The UC sponsored 50 students.

The Annual Welfare Work



On the 23rd of April, 2011. Eve of Easter, the Student Support Services Office and the Student Wellness Unit along with the Student Union and the Welfare Club, SMUC, carried out their annual welfare donation of clothing and edible items to the needy in its vicinity and at Entoto Church.

The money and the clothing items used in the donation event under the motto 'ዛሬም ከጉናቸው ነን' (we are with you) were contributed by the community of the University College.



VISITS

Ethiopian Dutch Volunteers

Two Ethiopian-Dutch volunteers, Ato Asrat Limenih and Ato Dinberu Melese, made their visit to St. Mary's University College (SMUC) between May 6-31, 2011. The purpose of their visit was to configure and set up three IBM servers, which were donated to the University College by Ato Asrat a few months ago.

The two volunteers set up the servers and ensured that there would be knowledge transfer and capacity building in the ICT unit of SMUC in a sustainable manner.

The freight cost of the servers and the training was facilitated by Meleya Foundation, supported by the IOM program widely known as Temporary Return for Qualified Nationals (TRQN).

A Visit to St. George Brewery

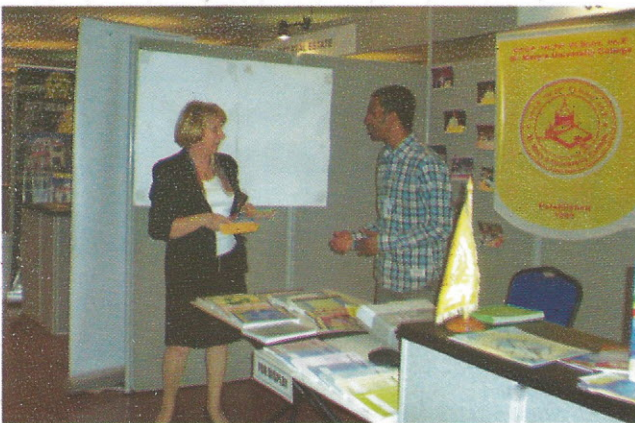
On the 11th of May 2011, Management Department, SMUC, arranged a visit for students attending the course 'Operation Production Management'. The visit, the objective of which was to help students see their classroom lessons of the courses, took place at St. George Brewery.

The Students had orientation on process and production impacts, process output flow and production cycles, quality of production, location, decision analyses, etc. while visiting the different departments of the brewery.



PARTICIPATIONS

International Exhibition



St. Mary's University College participated in an international exhibition whose major theme was 'Governing Development in Africa', The International Exhibition was organized by the UN - ECA and the African Union Council (AUC) at the United Nations Conference Center, Addis Ababa from March 24th to 27th, 2011.

support the Fourth Joint Meetings of the AU Conference of Ministers of Economy and Finance and ECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

At the Exhibition, St. Mary's promoted its the Post Graduate Programs, the various research forums, (with special emphasis on the 'National Conference on Private Higher Education in Ethiopia'), and its journal publications. The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Center and the Testing Center's International Program, iBT, SMUC, were also given some space.

Public Discussion on the Nile

Ato Baye Nigatu, Head of Information & Communication Office (ICO), attended the 'Public Discussion Conference on Nile' organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on April the 28th, 2011 at the

The conference, which was opened by HE Ale-mayehu Tegenu, Minister of Energy (MoE), was attended by ministers, the House of Peoples' Representatives and the House of Federation, senior federal and state government officials, religious leaders, civic societies, youth and women representatives and the business community.

After a day-long deliberation and discussion on the various papers presented on the utilization of the River Nile, the conference was concluded by recommending the establishment of a National Water Council and by adopting a five-point declaration.

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

On May the 8th 2011, Ato Baye Nigatu attended the International Red Cross & Red Crescent Day. It was held under the theme 'VOLUNTEERISM' organized by the ERC Addis Ababa Branch, at the Addis Ababa City Administration Culture Hall.

African Writers International Conference

Similarly, Ato Baye Nigatu, attended the African Writers International Conference organized by the co-operation of the Ethiopian Writers Association, the Academy of Ethiopian Languages and Cultures, and the Institute of African Studies of Addis Ababa University and the Pan-African Writers' Association.

The Conference took place from May 2-4, 2011 at the Addis Ababa City Hall on the occasion of the Golden jubilee Anniversary of the Ethiopian Writers' Association. Its theme was 'From the Independence of the Continent to the Liberation: The Unfinished Journey'.

The Justice Week

Ato Shume Alemu, an instructor of the Faculty of Law and 34 students of the Faculty attended the 'Justice Week' experience-sharing event organized by the Ministry of Justice on the 3rd of May 2011 at the Bole Sub-city Police Department and the Federal High Court.

According to Ato Shume, the experience-sharing session whose objective was to note the achievements of the criminal justice sector and best practices since the introduction of the BPR, was participatory; and had active students participation.

Special Inauguration at Kebre Aregawyan Migbare Senay Dirjit (KAMSD)

Ato Baye Nigatu, W/o Ergogie Tesfaye, W/t Miraf Girma, and Ato Abebe Zenebe, Head of Information & Communication Office, Head of Gender Office, Head of Student Affairs Services and Head of Student Wellness Unit, SMUC, respectively, attended the special inauguration.

The special inauguration was organized by Kebre Aregawyan Migbare Senay Dirjit (KAMSD) which works on caring the elderly, on May the 14th 2011, at 'woreda 6, Yeka Sub-city.

During the inauguration, documents which certify ownerships of one grain mill, one bakery and 92 houses were awarded by Mr. Hiroyuki Kishino, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia. The mill, the bakery and the houses projects were funded by the government of Japan.



W/o Workinesh Munie, Founder and Director of KAMSD, presented the accomplished tasks, the challenges faced and the future plans. She, at the end, extended her heart-felt thanks and appreciation to the Japanese Government, the 'Yeka' Sub-city and 'Woreda' 6 Administration.