

**“.....The Omo River is Now Becoming the Gorge of Development.”**

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Ambassador Teshome Toga, Speaker of the House of People’s Representatives (HPR) said Ethiopia is constructing the huge Gibe III Hydroelectric Project to make poverty a past history.

On the occasion that the Speakers of Houses of the Federal and Regional State Councils of Ethiopia had paid a visit to the Gibe III Hydroelectric Project on August 1, 2010, Ambassador Teshome Toga said that the construction of Gibe III Hydroelectric Project shows the commitment of Government to expand electric power across the country in parallel with making poverty a past event.

“I know the Omo River gorge to some extent that it was a place of villain or desperado for sev-



Briefings for Speakers of Houses of the Federal and Regional State Councils at Gibe III Project Site Office



**The Speakers of Houses were surprised by the Gibe III's Project**

eral years. Thanks to technology and the Ethiopian Government for its committed governance, the Omo River is now becoming the gorge of development. The Gibe III Hydroelectric Project which is being undertaken on this River is very historical.” , he said.

He also appreciated the staff of the project by saying “ all of you are actively participating to realize the Gibe III Hydroelectric Project and are making history. You have also to consider yourself as big part of the development effort of the country. We would like you to increase all your efforts in order to finalize the Project on timely basis. “

The Speakers of Houses who paid a visit to the Project, according to Ambassador Teshome, represent all the nations, nationalities and people's of Ethiopia .”They came here to visit the Project with very strong and enthusiastic interest.’, he said.

Ambassador Teshome also quoted the Speakers of House of Harrari Regional State Council who **told him in an informal way that “ we could not say this is really a visit ; rather it is an award or gift that we have luckily gained at the end of our fifth year work as Speakers of Houses.”**



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He finally promised all the Speakers of Houses who visited the Gibe III Hydroelectric Project will be speakers and ambassadors of the Project anywhere and at any time in their future engagements.

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