



GRADUATION OF THE 38TH ROUND OF NATIONAL SERVICE IN SAWA

The graduation ceremony for the 38th round of National Service, whose members completed their 12th-grade academic education along with political and military training, was held colorfully on 11 July, in Sawa.

The graduation ceremony was attended by President Isaias Afwerki, Ministers, senior Government and PFDJ officials, staff members of the training center, and guests.

In his keynote address, President Isaias Afwerki congratulated the students, their parents, and the staff of the center. He urged the graduates, irrespective of their examination results, to pursue their academic studies through innovative initiatives.

President Isaias called on the graduates to understand the significant contributions they can make and the responsibilities of the initiatives placed upon them for their personal development and the progress and well-being of their society and country. He also called on parents, families, and particularly the Ministry of Education to conduct regular follow-up on their future educational careers.

In his report, Col. Debesay Ghide, Commander of the National Service Training Center, noted that members of the 38th round of National Service came from all six regions of the country. He said that they received 12th-grade academic education from August 2025 to March 2026 and military and political training from

April 2026 until their graduation.

Col. Debesay also called for proper follow-up and encouragement for the graduates so that they preserve and strengthen the culture and discipline they developed during their stay in Sawa. He also commended all staff members of the training center and other stakeholders for their contributions.

The graduation ceremony featured a wide variety of musical performances and a military parade by the graduating class. *(Full report of the event is on page 2)*

MAI-NEFHI COLLEGE OF SCIENCE GRADUATES 300 STUDENTS



In its 19th commencement ceremony, the Mai-Nefhi College of Science graduated 300 students with bachelor's degrees, 49% of whom are women.

Speaking at the ceremony, Prof. Gebray Asgedom, Dean of the College, indicated that the graduate output increased by 3% compared to 2025 and 15% compared to 2024. He noted that over the past 18 years, the institution has awarded diplomas and first degrees to a total of 4,441 students.

The guest of honor, Mr. Tesfay Gebreselasie, Minister of Land, Water and Environment, urged the graduates to practically apply and expand their knowledge in their respective duty posts. He called on them to become

dedicated researchers, innovators, and key architects of the nation's development roadmap. Minister Tesfay added that the government and society expect the new graduates to serve as modest, reliable leaders who take immense pride in their national history and culture.

A representative of the graduating class expressed gratitude to families, instructors, and the government for providing free higher education, reaffirming the graduates' commitment to meeting the nation's expectations.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of medals and certificates of merit to outstanding graduates.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES

President Isaias Afwerki has sent a message of condolence following the passing of the former Emir of Qatar, Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani.

In the message sent to the Emir of Qatar, Sheik Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, President Isaias expressed his heartfelt sorrow and conveyed his condolences to the family of the late Emir and the people of Qatar.

Noting the role that Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani played in strengthening friendly relations between Eritrea and



Qatar, President Isaias expressed his hope that relations between the two countries will continue to develop.

TRAINING ON GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN GASH BARKA REGION

Training on Geographic Information Systems was provided to 28 government employees in the Gash Barka Region. The objective of the training was to address gaps in the existing information system and improve documentation practices.

The training was attended by employees from the regional administration, the Forestry and Wildlife Authority, the Land Transportation Authority, the Ministry of Marine Resources branch, the Commission of Culture and Sports, the Water Services Department, and the regional branches of the Ministries of Health and Education.

Speaking at the conclusion of the training on 10 July, Ambassador Mahmud Ali Hirui, Governor of the region, noted the significance of the training in facilitating the daily activities of government institutions. He called on the trainees to apply the knowledge that they have acquired from the training in enhancing activities at their respective workplaces.

ERITREAN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL CONDUCTED WITH ENTHUSIASM IN GERMANY

The annual Eritrean Community Festival in Germany was successfully conducted with great enthusiasm, officially opened by Mr. Fesehatsion Petros, Eritrea's Ambassador to Italy.

The vibrant two-day event drew thousands of nationals from across various German cities and European countries, alongside invited international guests. The festival featured a diverse program, including community gatherings, cultural showcases, seminars, a dedicated children's village, and interactive exhibitions.

Mr. Yohannes Russom, Chairman of the Eritrean Community in

Germany; Mr. Yohannes Woldu, Chargé d'Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy; Mr. Teame Haile, Head of Public and Community Affairs; and Mr. Hadish Goitom, Chairman of the Holidays Coordinating Committee, in their respective speeches emphasized the vital role community festivals play in reinforcing national unity, preserving cultural heritage, and passing Eritrea's rich history down to younger generations. They also stressed the importance of driving active participation in ongoing national development initiatives, while commending the dedication of organizers—particularly the significant contributions of women—in

bringing the event together.

As part of the festival's main program, Ambassador Fesehatsion led a seminar focusing on current developments in Eritrea, as well as broader regional and global affairs. He called on diaspora communities to continue strengthening their engagement and contributions toward national priorities and community resilience.

The celebratory atmosphere reached its peak with cultural performances and musical showcases by renowned artists from Eritrea, bringing the community together through song and dance.



REPORTAGE

Graduation of the 38th Round of Trainees Held at Sawa

Habtom Tesfamichael

The vibrant graduation ceremony of the 38th round of the National Service was grandly celebrated on July 11 at the

community. The ceremony started with a solemn moment of silence to pay tribute to the immortal martyrs who delivered Eritrea's independence and preserved its sovereignty. This was followed

He emphasized that regardless of their academic performance, their quest for knowledge and innovation must remain their primary focus. He reminded them that their future initiatives and personal growth carry a heavy moral weight as they form the bedrock upon which the peace, prosperity, and security of their families and the nation are built.

The atmosphere of the graduation ceremony was further elevated by a series of artistic displays reflecting the Eritrean spirit. The formation involving over 1,400 graduates clad in the vibrant colors of the national flag, who used their bodies to spell out the message: "Our Sea, Our Heritage," was stunning. Their voices rose in unison, declaring the Red Sea as the nation's pride. As heirs of a heroic legacy, the graduates sent a clear message of resilience.

Divided into 20 massive blocks, the parade titled "Eritreanism: A Proud Identity" showcased the discipline and physical prowess defining the defenders of the nation. The "Aula" Cultural Group of the Western Command added to the splendor a captivating performance, followed by a medley of new songs in Nara, Bidhawiet, Tigrinya, Saho, Kunama, and Afar—all celebrating the diversity and unity of the Eritrean people.

The ceremony also featured

evocative monologues by artist Merhawi from the Sawa Training Center and by Awet Habtom from the Western Command, as well as a comedy. Written by artist Yohannes Habtegergish (John-Meera) and performed by renowned artists Fiori Tekeste, Natnael Selemon (Boti), and Betiel Yohannes alongside the Aula Cultural Group, the play captured the unique life and personal growth experienced within the training center. These performances highlighted the government's core belief that youth must be physically, mentally, and professionally prepared to contribute to the nation's defense and development effectively.

Sawa is far more than a training camp. It functions as a national assembly of the youth where awareness is raised and physical fitness, the culture of work, discipline, and self-reliance are cultivated. Since 1994, it has served as a training ground, ensuring that every young Eritrean becomes a dedicated participant in the country's development and defense.

In his report, Colonel Debasai Ghide, commander of Sawa National Service Training Center, noted that the graduates—drawn from secondary schools across the country—underwent eight months of Grade 12 academic studies followed by four months of military, political, and ethical



Colonel Debasai Ghide

training. He expressed his confidence that the graduates would uphold the legacy of their predecessors in every national mission.

Ultimately, Sawa serves as a foundational source of Eritrean strength. As a facility that now boasts modern infrastructure—including health services, electricity, and water—it acts as a meeting point where the cultural values of Eritrea's nine ethnic groups merge into a single national identity.

The 38th round of graduation reached its pinnacle when outstanding graduates and units received awards from President Isaias Afwerki and General Filipos Woldeyohannes, Chief of Staff of the Eritrean Defense Forces, for excellence in overall performance, marksmanship, and military discipline. After the graduates said a solemn oath of allegiance to serve their country and people with loyalty, the grand ceremony ended with the National Anthem.



Sawa National Service Training Center—the cradle of youth development and the crucible of national identity.

The momentous occasion was honored by the presence of His Excellency, President Isaias Afwerki, alongside high-ranking government and PFDJ officials, senior military commanders, leaders of national associations, parents, and the resilient Sawa

by a magnificent military parade of the graduates that gave a formal salute to President Isaias.

In his keynote address, President Isaias congratulated the graduates of the 38th round, their instructors, and their parents. President Isaias expressed his appreciation for the event's cultural and artistic presentations.

President Isaias underscored that the graduation marks a vital milestone in the graduate's journey, urging them to maintain an unyielding spirit in the pursuit of knowledge and productivity.



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An Expression of Unity, Pride, and National Resilience

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Festival Eritrea is just around the corner. Anticipation is building, and excitement is once again spreading across the country and among Eritrean communities worldwide. Each year, the opening of the festival signals far more than the arrival of a major cultural event; it marks the beginning of a nationwide celebration of history, identity, and community. Hosted at the Expo Grounds in Asmara, the festival transforms the capital into a vibrant gathering place where culture, tradition, and national pride come vividly to life.

Over the years, Festival Eritrea has evolved into one of the country's most anticipated annual events. It brings together people from every region, generation, and walk of life, offering a rich showcase of Eritrea's cultural heritage through traditional music and dance, historical exhibitions, regional cuisine, artisan crafts, educational forums, and community displays. More than simply entertaining its visitors, the festival provides an opportunity to reflect on the nation's journey, celebrate its achievements, and strengthen the bonds that unite Eritreans both at home and abroad.

At its heart, Festival Eritrea is a celebration of continuity. It honors the past, embraces the present, and inspires confidence in the future, reminding Eritreans that their shared identity is rooted not only in history but also in a continuing commitment to unity, resilience, and nation-building.

One international proverb captures this spirit particularly well: "A tree without roots will fall. A people without history will perish." These words reflect one of Festival Eritrea's most enduring purposes: preserving the nation's historical memory while passing it on to future generations.

Although Eritrea is a relatively young independent state, its history stretches back thousands of years. Its civilizations, traditions, and communities have developed over centuries, creating a rich cultural legacy that continues to shape the country's identity today. Festival Eritrea provides an engaging platform through which that legacy is celebrated, explored, and shared with both Eritreans and international visitors.

Across the exhibition grounds, visitors encounter historical displays highlighting pivotal moments in Eritrea's national journey, from the country's long struggle for independence to exhibitions showcasing the distinct contributions of its various regions and communities. These exhibits transform history from something confined to books into a living story that visitors can experience firsthand.

Learning extends well beyond the exhibition halls. Festival attendees can browse a wide selection of books covering Eritrean history, culture, and national development. At the same time, lectures, seminars, and panel discussions led by historians, academics, and cultural experts encourage thoughtful discussion and deeper understanding. Together, these activities ensure that the festival serves not only as entertainment but also as an important educational forum.

At a time when globalization and rapid technological change can sometimes weaken historical awareness or blur cultural identity, Festival Eritrea reinforces the importance of remembering where a nation has come from. By strengthening that connection to the past, the festival helps cultivate a deeper sense of belonging while inspiring future generations to build upon the achievements and sacrifices of those who came before them.

While history provides the



festival with its foundation, its celebration of Eritrea's remarkable diversity gives the event its unmistakable vitality. A walk through the festival grounds reveals the extraordinary breadth of Eritrean society: families from every administrative region, members of the country's many ethnolinguistic communities, followers of different faiths, young and old, urban and rural residents, and Eritreans returning

from abroad to reconnect with their homeland.

Despite these many differences, the atmosphere is defined by warmth, mutual respect, and



shared purpose. Conversations begin effortlessly, friendships are renewed, traditional songs fill the air, and visitors participate in celebrations that transcend regional or cultural distinctions. The festival demonstrates in a tangible way that Eritrea's diversity is not a source of division but one of its greatest strengths.

For members of the Eritrean diaspora, the festival carries particularly deep meaning. Many travel home specifically to attend, using the occasion to reconnect with family, renew friendships, and strengthen their ties to the country of their birth or heritage. For younger Eritreans raised abroad, Festival Eritrea

offers an invaluable opportunity to experience firsthand the languages, customs, music, cuisine, and traditions that have shaped their national identity. In this way, the festival serves as an important cultural bridge between generations and across continents, helping preserve Eritrean heritage wherever its people may live.

Across the world, diversity has

the potential to enrich societies by bringing together different perspectives, experiences, and traditions. When nurtured within a culture of equality and mutual respect, it encourages creativity,

resilience, and social cohesion. History also reminds us, however, that diversity can become a source of conflict where exclusion, discrimination, or inequality are allowed to flourish.

Notably, Eritrea's approach has been to pursue national unity while recognizing and respecting its cultural plurality. Since independence, considerable emphasis has been placed on building an inclusive society in which all citizens can contribute to national development regardless of ethnicity, religion, language, gender, economic status, or physical ability.

This commitment is reflected through laws, public policies, and social initiatives that seek to discourage discrimination while expanding access to essential services and opportunities. These efforts are supported by longstanding cultural values that emphasize solidarity, cooperation, and mutual responsibility.

Over the past three decades, Eritrea has also introduced numerous initiatives designed to support groups facing greater social or economic challenges, including women, children, people with disabilities, pastoral communities, low-income households, and residents of remote areas. The broader objective has been to reduce disparities while encouraging more balanced national development.

Among these initiatives, access to healthcare and education has remained a central priority. Essential healthcare services are provided free of charge, while

individuals living with chronic illnesses receive ongoing medical care and treatment. Likewise, education is offered free from the primary through tertiary levels, complemented by adult education and literacy programs that expand educational opportunities throughout the country. The continued use of mother-tongue instruction in early education further reinforces both inclusion and respect for Eritrea's linguistic diversity.

Another notable example of community-focused development is the Minimum Integrated Household Agricultural Package (MIHAP), introduced in 2007. Designed primarily for rural households – many headed by women – the program combines livestock, poultry, beekeeping, fruit trees, vegetable cultivation, and ongoing technical assistance into a single integrated support package. By strengthening household food production and creating sustainable sources of income, MIHAP has helped improve livelihoods while contributing to broader rural development.

Collectively, these initiatives reflect a long-term commitment to social inclusion and equitable development. They also help explain why Festival Eritrea resonates so strongly with the public: the festival celebrates not only cultural diversity but also the shared national vision that seeks to ensure every citizen has a place within Eritrea's future.

If history provides the festival with its intellectual heart, then its food, craftsmanship, music, and entrepreneurial spirit provide its unmistakable soul. Beyond its historical exhibitions and educational programs, Festival Eritrea offers visitors the opportunity to experience the living traditions that continue to define everyday Eritrean life. Throughout the festival grounds, food stalls representing the country's various communities prepare an impressive variety of traditional dishes using regional ingredients and cooking methods refined over generations. Whether enjoying familiar favorites or discovering new flavors, visitors gain a deeper appreciation for the culinary diversity that mirrors Eritrea's broader cultural landscape.

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REPORTAGE

Mai-Nefhi College of Science Celebrates 19th Commencement

By Kesete Gebrehiwet

On Saturday, 11 July 2026, the Mai-Nefhi College of Science held its 19th commencement ceremony, graduating 300 students with bachelor's degrees across six fields of study: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics. Among the graduating class, 147 were female, highlighting the steadily growing participation and performance of women in higher



Efeson Demoz

education.

The ceremony was held at the Mai-Nefhi campus in the presence of government ministers, college administrators, faculty, guests, and proud families. The atmosphere was filled with joy and reflection as students celebrated the culmination of years of rigorous academic effort.

Beyond the overall increase in female representation, this year's graduation stood out for the exceptional academic performance of female students. Women competed strongly across all departments, securing 54 percent of the distinction honors awarded to the graduating class.

Professor Ghebray Asgedom, Dean of the Mai-Nefhi College of Science, emphasized that this trend extends beyond the graduating class. Among second- and third-year students currently enrolled, female students make up 58 percent of those maintaining a Grade Point



Professor Ghebray Asgedom

Average (GPA) of 3.2 and above. Professor Ghebray noted that these achievements serve as a powerful inspiration for younger girls across the country to remain committed to their education and aim for academic excellence.

Over the past 18 years, the Mai-Nefhi College of Science has awarded a cumulative total of 4,441 diplomas, bachelor's degrees, and master's degrees, reinforcing its role in developing skilled human resources for national development.

Representing His Excellency President Isaias Afwerki—President of the State of Eritrea and Chancellor of Institutions of Higher Education and Research—Mr. Tesfay Ghebreslasie, Minister of Land, Water and Environment, congratulated the graduates, their families, and the faculty.

Minister Tesfay advised the graduates to apply their technical knowledge directly to national development projects. He noted that much is expected of them as researchers, innovators, and leaders, reminding them that graduation marks the beginning of greater societal responsibility. He also emphasized that they are the stewards of the country's noble history and cultural values.

The high academic output aligns with broader government investments in higher education and faculty development over the past 35 years. As part of ongoing

capacity-building efforts, Professor Ghebray reported that 21 faculty members from the Mai-Nefhi College of Science are currently pursuing advanced master's and doctoral programs in the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, Hungary, and India. Their return will further enhance the college's research and instructional capabilities.

Speaking on behalf of the graduating class, Efeson Demoz from the Department of Physics expressed gratitude for the fully tuition-free education provided by the Government of Eritrea from primary school through higher education. He affirmed that the graduates are committed to honoring the sacrifices of the nation's martyrs through hard work and dedicated service.

A standout graduate of this year's class was Michal Tesfalem from the Department of Mathematics. After entering Mai-Nefhi from Warsay Yekialo Senior Secondary School with a 4.0 GPA, she maintained her high performance, earning a 3.67 GPA and becoming the overall trophy winner of the 19th commencement class. Reflecting on her journey, Michal noted that the intense academic competition in her department pushed her to work harder, and she encouraged incoming female students to stay focused and resilient.

Another Mathematics graduate, Idris Mohammed Adem, shared a message for students coming from remote regions. Idris, who is currently teaching secondary school students in Habero Tselim, encouraged younger students to cultivate a winning mindset and take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

Extracurricular programs and cul-

tural activities remained a vital part of campus life throughout the academic year. During the ceremony, graduates Naod Akililu and Efeson Demoz performed a dedicated song titled "Tlme y Seare" ("I Attained What I Envisaged"), capturing the struggles, perseverance, and ultimate triumph of the graduating class.

As students received their degrees from their respective department heads, the ceremony concluded on a high note with family celebrations and musical performances. The



Michal Receiving Medal of Excellence from Minister Tesfay Ghebreslasie

19th commencement of the Mai-Nefhi College of Science not only recognized the hard work of its 300 new graduates but also reaffirmed the critical role of scientific education in driving Eritrea's future progress.

An Expression of Unity.....

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Traditional coffee ceremonies and communal dining further enrich the experience, demonstrating how hospitality remains one of the enduring hallmarks of Eritrean society.

The festival also provides an important platform for local artisans, entrepreneurs, farmers, cooperatives, and small businesses. Exhibitors showcase handmade textiles, jewelry, pottery, woodwork, woven goods, agricultural products, and decorative art that reflect both creativity and cultural continuity. For many participants, Festival Eritrea offers an invaluable opportunity to introduce their products to thousands of visitors, expand their customer base, establish new business relationships, and generate additional income. In doing so, the festival not only preserves traditional craftsmanship but also supports local enterprise and contributes to economic activity within the community.

Many government institutions, development programs, educational organizations, and

private enterprises also participate through informational exhibitions that highlight ongoing projects, technological advances, and investment opportunities. These displays demonstrate that the festival is not solely a celebration of culture and history but also a showcase of Eritrea's continuing social and economic development.

Together, these experiences illustrate that culture is not confined to museums or commemorative events. Rather, it is expressed through the food people prepare, the crafts they create, the businesses they build, the knowledge they share, and the traditions they pass from one generation to the next.

Ultimately, Festival Eritrea is far more than an annual gathering. It is a powerful expression of the country's character and an enduring symbol of the values that continue to shape its national journey. By bringing together history, culture, education, entrepreneurship, and community, the festival creates a unique space where Eritreans celebrate both the diversity that enriches their society and the shared identity that binds them together.





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State of Eritrea
Ministry of Agriculture
Letter of Invitation for Bids

1. The State of Eritrea, Ministry of Agriculture, and National Project Coordination Office (NPCO) has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of Integrated Agricultural Development Project (IADP) and intends to apply part of the financing for the purchase of these goods. The use of any IFAD financing shall be subject to IFAD's approval, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement, as well as IFAD's rules, policies and procedures. IFAD and its officials, agents and employees shall be held harmless from and against all suits, proceedings, claims, demands, losses and liability of any kind or nature brought by any party in connection with Integrated Agricultural Development Project (IADP).
2. The Integrated Agricultural Development Project (IADP) includes three components and has six years' lifetime. The overall goal of the project is to contribute to poverty reduction and food and nutrition security of rural households. The project Development objective is to enhance small holder agricultural production and productivity in sustainable way and improves rural livelihoods.
3. This IFB follows the general procurement notice that appeared on the IFAD web-site on 27 April 2026, and national newspapers *Haddas Eritrea/ Eritrean profile* on 13 May, 2026.
4. The purchaser now invites sealed bids from eligible entities ("bidders") for the provision of **Supply, Installation, commissioning of irrigation scheme pipeline and solar power pumps assorted in 2 lots and Procurement of Shad-net house assorted in 2 lots**. More details on these goods and related services are provided in the schedule of requirements in this bidding document.
5. This IFB is open to all eligible bidders who wish to respond. Subject to the restrictions noted in the bidding document, eligible entities may associate with other bidders to enhance their capacity to successfully deliver the goods and related services. Potential bidders should first request for a registration form using email address below. Upon filling the form, the bidders should return the filled form through a reply email and the bidding document will be provided immediately thereafter at no charge.
6. Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) method, the evaluation procedure for which is described in this bidding document, in accordance with the IFAD procurement handbook, which is provided on the IFAD website www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The ICB process, as described, will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.
7. Please note that a pre-bid conference will not be held as described in the bid data sheet BDS, Section II of the bidding document.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address below and in the manner specified in the BDS ITB 25 no later than **9:30 am local Asmara, Eritrea's time, 20 August 2026**.

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9. Bidders should be aware that late bids will not be accepted under any circumstances and will be returned unopened to the bidder.
10. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security: -
Procurement of Shad-net house assorted in 2 lots: - Lot 1- 1,010.00 USD and Lot 2 – 1,470.00 USD
Supply, Installation, commissioning of irrigation scheme pipeline and solar power pumps assorted in 2 lots: - Lot 1- 11,090.00 USD and Lot 2 – 25,900 USD

Please note that electronic bids shall not be accepted as defined in ITB BDS 25.

Yours sincerely,
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Zara Mining
Share Company

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position:	Welder
Number required	03
Location:	Site: Koka Gold Mine
Reporting to:	Mechanic Foreman
Primary Responsibility & Scope of work	• To execute all welding work for fixed plant and mobile fleet and machinery.
Duties:	• Perform Welding, fabrication and structural repairs in fixed and mobile plant equipment. • Repair and maintain as required from Management. • Being accountable for the safe commissioning of all equipment. • Work in liaison with the Maintenance Services Coordinator to develop and implement a rigorous planned maintenance program with daily inspections and execution. • Be able to identify equipment defects. • Candidate must be self-motivated and self-driven. • Reading and interpret technical drawings and maintenance plans. • Ensure all work is completed on time in accordance with safety and quality standards. • Any other work requested by management
Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	• Minimum Secondary School. • Completed a welding apprenticeship.
Working Experience – Nature & Length	• Minimum of 5 years working with welding work. • Minimum of 5 years mine maintenance experience or similar.
Other skill, abilities, and requirement	• Full trade qualifications for a welder. • Strong communication and interpersonal skills. • Team player. • Must be able to work and perform under pressure.
Salary	As per the Company scale
Additional Requirement for nationals: - Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligations and providing evidence of a release paper from the Ministry of Defense. Present Clearance paper from the current/last employer. Only short-listed applicants would be considered as potential candidates for an interview. Application documents will not be returned to the sender.	
Please mail your application to the ZARA MINING SHARE CO P. O. Box 2393. Asmara,	
Note to Eritrean applicants: - Please send a copy of your application to Aliens Employment Permit Affairs P.O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea. and Eritrea. Mineral Resources Management P. O. Box 272	
Deadline for application: 7 days from the day of announcement.	



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position.

CIL Operations Superintendent
Number required – (01)
Type of contract – Definite (2 Years)
Major Duties and responsibilities

- Ensure design and construction of the CIL gold circuit aligns with best practice in terms of operability, safety and environmental compliance.
- The role will report directly to the Project Manager during the project execution phase with functional report to the Process Manager and later report directly to the Process Manager during operations.

TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREA
Project Phase:

- Ensure all designs and installations meet environmental, health, and safety regulations, particularly regarding cyanide handling and management.
- Work with other project engineers to refine process flow diagrams (PFDs) and piping and instrumentation diagrams (P&IDs).
- Perform Hazard and Operability Studies (HAZOP) and Process Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (PFMEA).
- Working with all other engineering discipline, ensuring all project packages are technically fit for purpose from a process engineering perspective and meet the statutory requirements.
- Report on project process engineering technical scope performance against the baseline plan and stated benefits of the project.
- Identify the process engineering deliverables, based on the scope agreed by the Project Manager, and use these as a basis to assist in the provision of project estimates and project execution plan.
- Responsible for providing engineering support to the project manager to ensure that the project will deliver the required benefits and is fit for purpose. Review and approve 3rd party process engineering content as required.
- Responsible for ensuring that all process engineering technical scope change is agreed with the project manager prior to implementation through the life of the project.

- Operations Phase:
- Driving a positive safety and work culture within the team through delivery of Safety, Health & Environmental management plan.
 - Ensuring safe operational compliance with the plant operating strategy, developed in conjunction with the technical team.
 - Effective management of the tailing’s storage facilities and the site water

- balance, to ensure operational and environmental compliance.
- Operational readiness and commissioning of new projects, including flotation regrind project and grinding/flotation automation.
 - Play an integral role in shutdown planning and preparation to ensure safe and efficient shutdown management.
 - Contribute to incident investigations, fatal risk management, and driving safety initiatives consistently.
 - Training and development of the national workforce through frontline supervisory training and reinstating the competency assessment program.
 - Identifying and executing improvement initiatives focused on safety, volume, and cost, through Operational Excellence program.
 - Providing coverage for the Processing Manager as required.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	• Degree in Chemical Engineering or Metallurgical Engineering.
Working Experience – Nature & Length	• A minimum of 10 years’ experience in a CIL operational capacity. • Experience managing complex mineral processing plants.
Technical Skills	• Ability to manage activities on or ahead of schedule and on or below budget. • Ability to manage weekly and daily meetings to ensure scope of work is coordinated. • Ability to interact with and manage contractor, subcontractors and staff to carry out required tasks. • Ability to prepare and deliver oral and written minutes and reports on a weekly and monthly basis. • E x c e l l e n t communication and interpersonal skills.
Behavioral Skills	• The ability to inspire, motivate and clearly communicate the company’s vision and mission to subordinates is a must.

General Information and other requirements:

- **Place of Work:** AMSC Sites
- **Type of contract:** Definite Period(2 years)
- **Salary:** As per the Company salary scale

Additional requirements for Nationals:

- Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from the Ministry of Defense.
- Present clearance paper from current/last employer.
- Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card, etc.).
- Only shortlisted applicants would be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
- Application documents will not be returned to the sender.
- All applications should be sent through the post office.
- Deadline for application: 7 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.

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Vacancy Announcement

The Project Management Unit of the Ministry of Health seeks to employ competent candidate on contractual bases for the following post.

Job Title:	Secretary
1. Number required	One (01)
2. Place of work	Asmara HQ.
3. Education	Diploma in Secretarial Science.
4. Work experience	5 years and above.
5. Skill requirement	secretarial works, office management, typing, filing, Distribution and handling of correspondences and documents, register.
6. Other skill	Computer literacy.
7. Salary	As per project scale
8. Age	40 -45 years
9. Sex	Female
10. Closing date	7 days from the date of this announcement.
11. National Service	Having fulfilled or officially exempted.

Interested candidates are requested to submit their letters of application, current CVs, work experience credentials and other relevant documents. All applicants should submit their documents to Project Management Unit/MOH P.O.Box 4899, Tel. 122978 and 124360. Asmara Eritrea.

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Wanhe Chanshan (萬和禪山): The Ancient Message of Peace and Unity

An Interview with Dr. Liang Yan

By Kidane Shimendi

Dr. Liang, since you arrived in Eritrea in July 2025, nearly a year has passed. Could you share some of your medical team's key achievements with our readers?

Our team consists of 18 members across 12 clinical specialties, including radiology,

Eritrea's rich history continues to draw visitors from across the globe. Among the many fascinating stories of international connection is a recent encounter by the Chinese Medical Team at the Northern Red Sea region Museum. There, they discovered an ancient Chinese pottery shard inscribed with the characters "Wanhe Chanshan" (萬和禪山)—carrying a message of peace and unity across centuries.

Eritrea Profile spoke with Dr. Liang Yan, Chief Physician and leader of the current Chinese Medical Team to Eritrea, to discuss both the history behind this ancient artifact and the ongoing achievements of his medical team.



Ancient Chinese pottery shard inscribed "Wanhe Chanshan"

What are your personal impressions of Eritrea?

Eritrea's natural beauty, paired with the strong values and culture of its people, is truly remarkable. Everyone we met has been warm, hard-working, and united. When I return home, Eritrea will be at the very top of my list of places to revisit.

Do you have any final thoughts to share with our readers?

This unadorned pottery shard provides a rich historical context for our modern camaraderie.



Doctor Liang Yan in the Northern Red Sea region Museum, Massawa

surgery, internal medicine, traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), anesthesiology, and ultrasound. We operate primarily out of two major hubs—the Orotta National Referral Hospital and Halibet Hospital—while also conducting grassroots outreach to Massawa, Keren, and Mendefera.

Technological assistance lies at the heart of our mission. We have shared several specialized surgical procedures with local teams, including intracranial aneurysm resection, laparoscopic minimally invasive surgery, and ultrasound-guided nephrostomy, and pelvic tumor en bloc resection.

With official approval from Eritrea's Ministry of Health, we established the China-

Eritrea Research Center for New Medical Imaging Technologies. Leveraging advanced techniques such as cerebral perfusion and 3D reconstruction—with support from Sanmenxia Central Hospital in Henan—we developed a localized digital Chinese radiology reporting system. Local media have highlighted this initiative as a benchmark for smart medical aid. Additionally, we translated and donated 100 episodes of the Guoguo Medical Imaging slide series and revitalized the long-stalled China-Eritrea TCM Center, bringing traditional therapies like acupuncture and tuina (therapeutic massage) directly to local communities.

All our initiatives revolve around long-term cooperation and self-sustaining development. In the short term, we aim to continue expanding minimally invasive surgery, molecular imaging, and TCM rehabilitation while broadening the reach of our chronic disease programs. To cultivate local talent, we are refining tiered mentoring plans for Eritrean specialists.

Recently, you wrote about the Ming Dynasty pottery shard inscribed "Wanhe Chanshan" at the Northern Red Sea region Museum—a story spanning centuries of peaceful interaction between China and Eritrea. How did this discovery happen?

Early this past summer, our team traveled to Massawa in the Northern Red Sea Region for medical outreach. During a break, we visited the local museum,

where a simple ceramic vessel—excavated from the ancient port site of Adulis—stopped us in our tracks. Weathered by Red Sea winds and the passage of time, the vessel appeared simple yet serene. Clearly etched onto its body were four Chinese characters: 萬和禪山 (Wanhe Chanshan).

According to historical records cited in Pearl of the Red Sea, this artifact dates back nearly 700 years to the maritime expeditions of Admiral Zheng He during the Ming Dynasty. Over six centuries ago, Chinese ships reached these shores not for conquest, but for commerce and amity. They brought with them an Eastern philosophy of harmonious coexistence, firing it into clay before leaving it upon Eritrean soil.

What is the specific meaning embedded in the phrase Wanhe Chanshan (萬和禪山)?

These four characters encapsulate ancient Chinese ideals:

- Wan (萬): Signifies inclusivity and universal harmony.
- He (和): Represents harmony in diversity and mutual prosperity.
- Chan (禪): Embodies humility, benevolence, and tranquil tolerance.
- Shan (山): Stands for enduring steadfastness, like a mountain.

Together, they convey an ancient message of peace and unity—a simple yet profound gesture of friendship from old China to Africa.

How did you feel when you first saw the artifact?

Standing before this ancient shard, we Chinese doctors—having traveled thousands of miles—were deeply moved. Seven hundred years ago, our ancestors conveyed messages of peace through artifacts; today, we continue that transoceanic bond

through the art of healing.

The philosophy embodied in this pottery aligns naturally with today's vision of a China-Africa Community with a Shared Future. It is not merely a trade good; it is a physical testament to the historic Silk Road friendship connecting China, Eritrea, and Africa. Experiencing it firsthand filled our team with pride and joy.

What are your plans regarding this artifact?

With 2026 marking the China-Africa Year of People-to-People Exchange, our team hopes to use this relic as a cultural bridge to deepen historical and literary ties. We have reached out to experts in China specializing in archaeology, paleography, and Silk Road



Chinese Medical Team

studies, requesting scholarly verification to help this long-silent artifact "speak" once more.

Looking ahead, we plan to collaborate with Eritrean museums and local research institutions to launch cultural programs centered around the relic. Our goal is to help more people understand the ancient ethos of harmony and coexistence and to link it to the benevolent mission of modern Chinese medical teams. Along the Red Sea coast, two paths of peace—one ancient, one modern—reach a gentle and profound resonance.

Civilizations grow richer through exchange, and friendships endure through shared guardianship. Through the continued dedication of China's medical teams—guided by the spirit of Wanhe Chanshan—China-Eritrea health cooperation and cultural exchange will only deepen. On the shores of the Red Sea, the story of China-Africa friendship will continue to write inspiring new chapters.

Dr. Liang, thank you for your time and expertise. We wish you and your team continued success in all your endeavors.

