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IIMA welcomes faculty members from Ethiopian Universities to its 32nd FDP

IIMA, July 2, 2010: Ten faculty members of the Business Management Departments of the Addis Ababa and Adama Universities in Ethiopia joined the 32nd Faculty Development Programme of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA) on July 1, 2010. They are joining 34 Indian participants and will spend three months at the Institute during which they will have an opportunity to enhance their teaching and research capabilities. They will participate in a series of courses and specially-designed workshops, all of them aiming at acquainting them with the latest developments in the various disciplines of management and with the pedagogical approach at IIMA.

This initiative is a part of a wider collaboration of IIMA with management institutions in Ethiopia. It is an outcome of the dialogue between a high level Ethiopian delegation led by Dr Adhana Haile, Minister of State of Education, Ethiopia and Prof Samir K Barua, Director, IIMA during January this year. "Our engagement with foreign B-schools has come a long way in ensuring that our academic collaborations remain relevant to management schools from the developing nations, while we continue to forge partnerships with the top ranked B-schools in the world," says Prof Barua. The Institute is also planning a longer-term arrangement for the professional development of management educators from Ethiopia.

At the threshold of its 50th year, for the Institute, the IIMA- Ethiopian Universities Partnership is a modern complement of the historical ties that the city of Ahmedabad, and India, have shared with Ethiopia in the past. The IIMA's logo is a stylized representation of what is perhaps the best known symbol of Ahmedabad—the stone tracery window from the mosque built around 1571-72 by Sidi Saiyed, an Ethiopian military commander who served the Gujarat sultanate and a holy man.

About IIMA's FDP:

The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India (IIMA) aims at the professional development of faculty members of institutions of management education. The first FDP was offered in 1979. Over the years, the FDP has been continuously modified and restructured to address new developmental need of management educators. Presently, the 32nd Faculty Development Programme is being offered at the Institute.