

## The festival that foster the esprit de corps among Eritrean's

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Festivals are of many types, mostly intended to celebrate cultural and religious occasions. The Eritrean National festival is more than being just a fest it has become a symbol of Unity and Harmony for decades. This year's National Festival for the first time is held in the City of Dekemhare, Southern Region. Dekemhare is found 40 km south east of Asmara. This year's festival comprise numerous exhibitions and cultural shows that reflect the diversity of Eritrean people and their culture, alongside with the nation building process that is going on throughout the country. The Six Administrative regions and different institutions from nationwide are participating in this year's festival, each colorfully presenting its tourism capacity and other domains respectively. Thousands of nationals including many foreign nationals are visiting this ten days festival with fascination.

Eritrean National Festival's history goes back to the hard times, during which Eritreans had been denied their independence. In 1984 the first Eritrean festival was held in Bologna, Italy. As this time the Eritrean people were in quest for freedom from subsequent colonial rules, and the festival had played a fundamental role in the bringing nationals from different corners of the world to one forum. The nationals used this festival



as an event to voice the legitimate question of Independence and promote the Eritrean armed struggle. Since independence such festivals continued with great fervor advancing each year and testifying the esprit de corps among Eritreans.

As Eritrea possess very rich history and culture that goes back to many years since the time of earliest humans, which much have not been exploited

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