



Far places have been getting nearer and nearer to one another. Geographical gap is no longer a barrier. Slow and monotonous means of transport and communications have been gradually substituted by more advanced and faster systems. The coming together of smooth and easy road networks, internet connection, postal services, telecommunications, maritime transportation, and aviation services in perfect harmony have been playing a very decisive role in creating a more balanced and efficient service. It is the synergy of the development in all sectors that enables any given society to live in perfect harmony with its surroundings and even reach far off places at ease.

If all transportations and communications services rhyme in perfect harmony, they would bring significant and balanced changes in people's living standards. "Perfect Harmony...For National Dignity" is the theme which has been chosen for the nationwide symposiums of all ministries to reflect the journey Eritrea went through in the twenty years of independence in every sector. As part of the overall national symposiums, the Ministry of Transport and Communications held a three-day symposium in Mendefera from 2-4 March, 2011.

The main objective of the symposiums that continue to be held in different cities of the country is to enable the general public realize the developmental accomplishments registered throughout the country by means of simple representation of all the sub-sectors in the ministry. All the subsectors of transport and communications have been advanced in an integrated manner so as to render comprehensive and complimentary services.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications symposium was arranged in a way that reflects the historical background of transport and communications in Eritrea, its evolution during the period of armed struggle and more importantly the advances in the post independence period.

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