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Asmara, 9 July 2010 - The Central regional Administration yesterday awarded prizes to those administrative areas and institutions that staged excellent performance at the carnival conducted on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of Independence Day celebrations.

At a ceremony conducted in the Municipality Hall in which a number of officials and representatives of the people and the institutions took part, the Minister of Education and Chairman of the National Holidays Coordinating Committee, Mr. Semere Russom, awarded the prizes and certificates.

Accordingly, Tsetserat administrative area stood first and received 40,000 Nakfa, followed by Maekel Ketema and Arbaete-Asmera administrative areas that received 30,000 and 25,000 Nakfa respectively. Also in the performance staged by various institutions, Segen Construction Company stood first, while ERI-TEL and Eri-Equip emerged 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Meanwhile, artists and individuals who made special contribution to the success of the event received prize and certificates from the Minister of Labor and Human Welfare, Ms. Salma Hassen, and the Administrator of the Central region, Mr. Kahsai Gebrehiwet.

The Chairman of carnival show committee, Mr. Andemariam Gebrehiwet, indicated that tens of thousands of nationals observed the carnival shows portraying the development progress, culture and identity, unity and steadfastness, as well as the history and vision of the Eritrean people. Eritrean nationals residing abroad also closely followed the show via national media outlets in which utmost artistic creativity was manifested, he added.

This year's carnival shows in which about 10,000 people and 45 major institutions took part was conducted for the 7th time in the Central region.