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## Lycee Guebre Mariam Students visit to the African Union



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– The class of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade from the Lycee Guebre Mariam school in Addis Ababa inclusive of thirty students and four teachers visited the African Union on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2013.

An induction session was prepared for them in the AUC

Briefing Room1 by the Director of Information and Communication of the AUC, Mrs. Habiba Mejri-Cheikh who warmly welcomed the pupils and engaged the young visitors in a question and answer session on the history, anthem, symbols, vision and missions of the AU. She informed the Lycee Guebre Mariam students about the celebration this year of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the OAU now the African Union (AU) as well as the Africa 2063 Agenda.



The pupils aged nine to ten years filled with curiosity about the Union, eagerly participated in the question and answer session before proceeding to the guided tour around the AUC Conference complex.

Outside the Large Conference Hall, the Lycee Guebre Mariam class was taking a look on the paints and symbolic gifts by Member

States displayed at the lobby of the New Conference Center and familiarizing with the portraits of the OAU founders as well as prominent African personalities. The children expressed compassion and great admiration with the portrait of former President of South

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Africa and current continental and world icon Mr. Nelson Mandela for his role during the liberation struggle and the fight against apartheid. They also admired other portraits of eminent and historical African heroes and heroines.

The pupils received as souvenir some AUC publications with basic information about the Organisation. A group photo crowned the visit, with the Lycee Guebre- Mariam teachers promising to include the visit to the AU headquarters as part of a regular study trip giving that it is enlightening for their students

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