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Subject; Resarch on the Saho Language

Please be informed that the following four Italian scholars have visited Eritrea early this year to conduct field work related to the research project entitled "Atlas of the Traditional Material Culture of Saho – ATMCS":

- 1. Professor Giorgio Banti
- 2. Dr. Mareno Vergari
- Professor Giovanni Dore
- 4. Dr. Roberta Zago.

This project is a continuation of the research studies on the Saho Language and Culture that Dr. Moreno Vergari and Dr. Roberta Zago had conducted since 1999. That research has already resulted in the publication of a Basic Saho-English-Italian Dictionary and a Basic Saho Grammar, which have also turned out to be very useful to children in Saho Schools in Eritrea.

The Ministry of Education of the State of Eritrea (MOE) greatly appreciates this research work, and recognizes the invaluable contribution it would make to the further development of the Saho Language and Culture. Indeed, this research could be extended to other local languages in Eritrea.

Please be informed that MOE fully approves of the ATMCS research project, and would appreciate any support provided to its implementation as well as to the above-mentioned researchers.

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