

LIJ HAPTE-SELASSIE TAFESSE

The Society of Ethiopians Established in the Diaspora, SEED together with all Ethiopians in the Diaspora is saddened by the passing away of Lij Hapte Selassie Tafesse. SEED joins the many friends and admirers of Lij Hapte-Selassie Tafesse in extending our deepest condolences to members of his family.

Lij Hapte-Selassie Tafesse, “the Father of Ethiopian Tourism”, the pioneer of Ethiopia’s tourism industry, and its long served motto, “Thirteen months of sunshine”, has passed away at the age of 91 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In 2013 SEED honored Lij Hapte-Selassie Tafesse, as a distinguished leader entrepreneur and role model to the Diaspora Ethiopians, Africans and others. He was acknowledged for his outstanding life-long contributions to the preservation of Ethiopian history and culture through the creation of Ethiopian Tourism and its Historic Route. He was also recognized for bringing Ethiopia’s history, geography, culture and artifacts to world stage, as a statesman and for his demonstrated love of country and for all of his distinctive and positive attributes.

May God rest him in peace and comfort his family.