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To: **One Laptop Per Child Africa (OLPCorps Africa) Project**

Subject: **Expression of collaboration**

Bahir Dar University is one of the governmental institute committed to serve the countries need in education and research. The university has more than **38** thousand students both in undergraduate and postgraduate programs and **2394** faculty members in various faculties. The computer science & Engineering department is one of the new departments in the technology faculty. Since its foundation in 2003, the department has grown both in terms of number of students and verity of degree programs offered. Currently we have a total of **789** number of students attending four different specialization areas.

Besides the on campus academic activity, the department is actively engaged in raising ICT awareness in the community. This involves encouraging research in ICT for development, proving awareness trainings, and technical support to institutes in the region. The department has recently been contacted by team of students consisting of Bemnet Tesfaye, Kidist Getachew, and Luelseged Asrade from the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden. The team has requested collaboration with the department in their upcoming deployment of XO laptops in Atse Sertsedingil primary school in the summer of 2009.

The department would like to express its utmost willingness to cooperate with the team during this period. We will stand by the team during the deployment period and help them achieve their goal. We will assist them by providing the required technical support during their deployment. Most importantly, after the team completed their project, the department will work closely with the above mentioned school. The department has qualified professionals who are able to provide technical support for the project.

The department of computer science & Engineering hereby acknowledges such a development activity devoted for improving the quality of education and bringing change in the life of children is exceptionally important. It is our hope that the team will get accepted to participate in the OLPCorps Africa project and we look forward in working with them.

Best Regards,


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