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His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar says Ethiopia symbol of peaceful co-existence

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His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar said Ethiopia, which is a country of more than 80 nations and nationalities, should cautiously preserve its values of peaceful co-existence and tolerance that is exemplary to the rest of the world.

In an interview he gave to ENA His Holiness who is also the Founder of "The Art of Living" and "International Association for Human Values" said Ethiopians, in addition to their development efforts, should nurture their mutual tolerance and peaceful co-existence.

Peace is a prerequisite for any development, His Holiness said and added that the world needs youth who are peace ambassadors and educators of peace well equipped with international principles.

The organization "The Art of Living" under the motto "One world and Unite People" is preaching people to participate in development activities through ensuring peace, love, and cooperation, he said.

His Holiness said the organization is conducting seminars meant to build leadership capacity of Ethiopian youth.

Ethiopia, that hosts more than 80 nations and nationalities that are living in absolute harmony is symbolic for promoting One World -United People, he said.

His Holiness Shankar said he enjoyed his visit as it coincided with the celebration of the new Ethiopian millennium, and added that his discussion with government officials and religious leaders in Ethiopia was successful.

He noted that his visit helped him to witness the ongoing development programs in Ethiopia are encouraging and are bringing positive changes in the country.

His Holiness said some international media outlets have been portraying Ethiopia as drought-prone and poverty stricken nation, while the reality on the ground is very different.

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"Media has generally portrayed Ethiopia to be very poor, poverty stricken place. But when you come here and see it, is a different scenario"

He said that his visit enabled him to witness that Ethiopia is striving to ensure good governance and is on the right track to development.



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He commended the multi-faced cultural and nations and nationalities development program in Ethiopia.

His Holiness Shankar said his organization has plans to further strengthen the relations between Ethiopia and India especially in investment, information technology and education sector.

Indian has rich experience in education sector and his organization is ready to assist the existing cooperation of the two nations in the sector.

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