

Asec. De Luna Spearheads BOJ Executive Meeting for Gawad Saka 2013 Winners

Asec. Edilberto M. de Luna, Gawad SaKa 2013 Chairperson, welcomes the Board of Judges and officers



comprising the different national technical committees in the yearly search for Outstanding Farmers in their respective fields. The Gawad Saka has 23 different award categories to give recognition to the best farmers from Crops, Fisheries, Livestock, Institutions, and Agricultural Scientists and Researchers.

Adm. Grace J. Cenas, the Gawad Saka chairperson of the National Committee for the Search for Outstanding Farmer for Large Animals presented the top three contenders for the said category. Nominees from Region 1, Mr. Loreto Edra; CAR, Mr. Jesus Domingo and Region 3, Mr. Ravenal Quizon; were shortlisted from among the 6 regional nominees.



The deliberations and final selection of winners was held at the PICC Convention Hall in Pasay City last September 11, 2013. The Board of Judges comprised of Dr. Edwin C. Villar , Director, Livestock Research Division, Philippine Council for Agriculture Aquatic and Natural Research Development,(PCAARD) at UP Los Baños, Laguna; Dr. Angelito B. Bagui, Chairman, Committee on Backyard and Cooperative Pork Producers Federation of the Philippines (BCPPFP) , Batangas City; and Mr. Edwin C. Sanchez, Farm Manager, Batangas Dairy Cooperative, (BADACO) in Lipa City, Batangas.

The yearly Gawad Saka search was launched to promote Livestock Raising integrated with grains and high value crops is very important in attaining national food security and proves that farming is a viable and sustainable enterprise.

Each farmer-winner will receive One Hundred Fifty Thousand pesos, (PHP150,000) and a citation from the President of the Philippines. The awarding will be held at the Heroes Hall of Malacanang Palace in October 2013.

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