

## Northern Mindanao Federation of Dairy Cooperatives : TOFARM AWARDEE



The recently concluded Search for the Top Outstanding Farmer of the Philippines (TOFARM) Awards Night gave a Special Citation to the Northern Mindanao Federation of Dairy Cooperatives as an exemplary model in "Agriculture Cooperative Category" and the agriculture sector in general. Awarding was held at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel in Makati City last November 15, 2013.

The event is a yearly undertaking of the JCI (Jaycees Chamber International) in tandem with Universal Harvester Inc. (UHI) , a private corporation dealing in the production of fertilizer, to honor outstanding farmers, individuals and organizations who have made an impact to the community especially in the field of agriculture. This is a way of paying tribute to their work for self upliftment, of harnessing the potential of each individual or group for the economic progress of the country.

Present to receive the awards are: Ms. Marilyn B. Mabale, NDA Regional Manager in Mindanao as the nominator, Mr. Robert T. Enerio, Jr., being the Chairperson of the NMFDC, Ms. Bismela M. Lancin, Operation Manager and Ms. Wilma Y. Buray, Production Manager, both of the NMFDC.

The awardees were billeted in Makati Palace hotel for 2 days, received free plane fares back and forth and the chance to inter-act with fellow awardees and the organizing committee comprising of young professionals who made a dent in their respective endeavors and have shared their passion and commitment to help improve the country's economy. This bolsters not only economic empowerment but building up on the capabilities of each individual and as a people in general.

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