

Gawad Saka Final BOJ Deliberations Opens



Ms. Rowena Gineta, DA-AMAS as the master of ceremony,, The livestock Sector group with **Dr. Edward Torres** , professor of the College of Veterinary Medicine at UPLB, **Ms. Gemma Mateo**, secretariat for NTC for Small Ruminants, **Ms. Patria Cuaresma** of the Bureau of Animal Industry as the presenter for the **Gawad Saka for Small Ruminants** , **Dir. Clarito M. Barron**, **Ms. Ching M. Lumanta**, presenter for **Gawad Saka for Large Animal** and **Mr. Edward Chen**, President of the Hog Raisers Association of the Philippines during the BOJ deliberations last October 28, 2014 at the Manila Grand Opera House.

The annual search for the Outstanding Gawad Saka formally began its deliberations yesterday at the Manila Grand Opera House in Doroteo Jose, Manila.

This yearly event is an incentive program of the Department of Agriculture to fete outstanding farmers, agricultural workers and research scientists in their efforts to promote agriculture as a way of life to attain food security and increased farm incomes using integrated farming through the use of modern technology and best practices.



Ms. Ching Lumanta presented the nominees for the *Gawad Saka for Large Animals* while Ms. Patria Cuaresma defended the results of the field validation for the small ruminant winners.

The three judges on board reiterated their requests that the chosen winners for each category should have their success stories written so that these can be read by the public and serve as inspiration for their best practices in their chosen field.

Winners of these categories stand a chance of taking home with them a cash prize of one hundred fifty thousand pesos (PHP 150,000. 00).

For this year, **23 awardees** were chosen representing **5 categories: 1) Crops; 2) Fisheries; 3) Livestock; 4) Institutional and 5) Agricultural Scientists and Researchers**

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