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DOST recognizes MGN Frozen Foods as Best SETUP Adoptor



(Left) Dr. Armando Q. Ganal, DOST 1 Regional Director awarded the Plaque of Recognition to (Center) Mr. and Mrs. Nerio Gacutan, owners of MGN Frozen Foods, as Best Regional SETUP Adoptor for 2015 during the Closing Ceremony of the NSTW celebration on July 29, 2016 at the CSI The City Mall, City of San Fernando, La Union together with (Right) Mr. Ramon S. Sumabat, Provincial Science and Technology Director in Ilocos Sur.

With the theme "*Juan Science, One Nation,*" the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) 1 recently concluded the National Science and Technology Week Celebration by recognizing outstanding SETUP Adoptors led by MGN Frozen Foods as Best Regional SETUP Adoptor for 2015.

MGN Frozen Foods, a meat processing firm from Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur was distinguished as the best among the successful project beneficiaries of the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program or SETUP, the banner program of DOST aimed at improving productivity and competitiveness of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

According to Ms. Adelisa C. Florendo, SETUP Regional Coordinator, this was made possible because of meeting 93.8% rate based on the four established criteria for evaluation, namely:

Technology, Process and Innovation Assimilation (40%); Product and Process Outcomes (20%); Market and Financial Outcomes (20%) and Entrepreneurial Acumen and Management Leadership (20%). Among the other MSMEs that competed in the Search for 2015 Best SETUP Adoptor are Basilio's Chicharon in Ilocos Norte, Mike Stainless Steel in La Union, Dalgem's Welding Shop in Pangasinan I, and Hannah and Chloe Food Enterprises in Pangasinan II.

As highlight of the said recognition, DOST Regional Director Dr. Armando Q. Ganal led the awarding of the Plaque of Recognition to Mr. and Mrs. Nerio Gacutan, owners of MGN Frozen Foods, during the closing ceremony of the NSTW celebration, aside from the P10,000 cash reward and Certificate of Recognition which was awarded during the SETUP Forum held at the DOST Central Office in Bicutan, Taguig City.

Pisay Director urges students to pursue science career path

Dr. Ronnalee N. Orteza, Director of the Philippine Science High School (PSHS)-Ilocos Region Campus is encouraging high school students to apply for scholarships with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) enabling them to become world-class Filipino Scientists of tomorrow.

Dr. Orteza made the statement during the Science and Technology Fora dubbed "Nasa Syensya ang Pagasa! Maging DOST Iskolar Ka!" which was participated by various students and representatives from Local Government Units in La Union on July 29, 2016 at the Jollibee Function Hall, City of San Fernando.

"We are the leading science high school in the Asia Pacific Region, preparing our scholars to become globally-competitive Filipino scientists equipped with 21st century skills and imbued with the core values of truth, excellence, and service to the nation," she said.

Applicants should be grade 6 elementary pupils from duly recognized school by the Department of Education. Once screened, they will have to take and pass the National Competitive Examination before being accepted into the program. For this year, the examination will be held on October 22, 2016.

Dr. Orteza also told that Pisay offers free tuition, monthly stipend and loan of available textbooks to scholar awardees. Also, a monthly living allowance determined by the Scholarship Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees shall be given to those who financially deserve the assistance.

"I hope we can convince you including your friends and relatives this school year's high school seniors to help build a technology-driven future for the country", she further said.



Dr. Ronnalee N. Orteza, Director of the Philippine Science High School (PSHS)-Ilocos Region Campus, emphasized that the PSHS primary function was to administer the country's scholarship program in special science secondary education during, the S&T Fora held on July 29, 2016 at the Jollibee Function Hall, City of San Fernando participated among various students in La Union.



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