



SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 834

Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE 2018 GAWAD SA PINAKATANGING KOOPERATIBA (GAWAD PITAK) OUTSTANDING NON-AGRICULTURE-BASED COOPERATIVES HONORED BY THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES ON 8 AUGUST 2018 AT THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER IN PASAY CITY, PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the *Gawad sa Pinakatanging Kooperatiba* or Gawad PITAK is an annual search undertaken by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) that recognizes cooperatives which exemplified the tenets of cooperativism;

WHEREAS, launched in 1990, the Gawad PITAK is the country's longest-running and most prestigious award-giving body for cooperatives and is awarded to LANDBANK -assisted agriculture- and non-agriculture-based cooperatives that effect change in the lives of the Filipino;

WHEREAS, contenders for Gawad PITAK Non-Agriculture-Based Cooperatives underwent a series of screening and evaluation as nominated cooperatives were trimmed down initially via table and field validation conducted by the Technical Working Group (TWG) composed of LANDBANK personnel and representatives from the Senate of the Philippines, House of Representatives, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Agriculture (DA), and the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA);

WHEREAS, after the initial screening, the Program Management Committee (PMC) deliberated on the assessment made by the TWG and endorsed the short-listed cooperatives to the Board of Judges (BOJ) for final judging by this year's panel headed by the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Cooperatives as Chairperson, with Representative Rico B. Geron, the Chairman of the House Committee on Cooperatives Development as Co-Chairperson, Mr. Alex V. Buenaventura, President and CEO of the Land Bank of the Philippines as Vice Chairperson, and members – DA Secretary Manuel F. Piñol, DAR Secretary John R. Castricones, and CDA Chairman Orlando R. Ravanera;

WHEREAS, the Board of Judges selected five (5) winners for the non-agriculture-based category and this year's winners will join the ranks of 211 other outstanding cooperatives awarded in the Gawad PITAK's 28-year history;