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Benguet coop bank, SLU institute receive presidential citations for best practices

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Baguio City (17 July) -- President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo conferred the 2009 Presidential Citations for Best Practices to Saint Louis University Institute for Small Scale Industries Foundation, Inc. (SLU-EISSI) and the Cooperative Bank of Benguet during a fitting ceremony at the SM Megamall, Megatrade Hall in Mandaluyong City recently as part of the activities of MSMED (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development) week.

SLUEISSI was cited in the Productivity and Efficiency Category for its Beekeeping Research and Service Program which has revitalized the beekeeping industry through training programs, research studies, outreach activities and marketing assistance.

Dr. Edmund Benavidez who received the citation from Arroyo said that the program is now on its twelfth year and has brought beekeeping to the forefront as a lucrative and productive source of livelihood in the Cordilleras and nearby regions. Today, the expanded Beekeeping Center in Ciudad Grande, Bakakeng in Baguio City is widely recognized as a training institute for beekeeping and the marketing center for the Goldwell Sunflower Honey brand according to Benavidez.

The Cooperative Bank of Benguet on the other hand received a citation for Best Practices in the Financing Category for its contribution to the growth of the MSME sector through its various lending programs catering to the agricultural, commercial, manufacturing and service sectors.

The cooperative bank's General Manager, Gerry T. Lab-oyan said that their coverage has expanded its reach to the countryside through judicious distribution of credit facilities and hands-on approach to insure the success of the beneficiaries' projects. The cooperative bank has also achieved a wide network in the government and private sector through its diverse advocacies from business enabling to organic agriculture. Today, the bank is now on its 17th year as a homegrown service provider.

DTI Baguio/Benguet Provincial Caretaker Freda Gawisan said that the awarding of Presidential Citations for Best Practices was first launched in 2007 to give recognition to programs and services that are geared towards the development and promotion of the micro, small and medium enterprises sector.

Both awardees have been endorsed to the National SMED Council selection committee through the Baguio SMED Council chaired by the Baguio-Benguet Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

During the initial launching, two awardees from the Cordilleras namely the Rangtay sa Pagrang-ay and the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board-CAR (RTWPB-CAR) were cited for their micro-financing services and exemplary productivity program interventions to MSME clients respectively.

The 2009 Presidential Citation for best practices in MSME promotion and development was likewise given to the Chinese Filipino Business Club, Inc.; St. Mary's College in Tagum City, Davao del Norte; GTZ Technical Cooperation; Inglass Sardines of Dipolog Association; Simbag sa Pag-Asenso, Inc.; MASICAP MSME Development Foundation, Inc.; CARD Bank, Inc.; Bank of the Philippine Islands; Planters Development Bank; Fair Bank; National Wages and Productivity Commission and the Regional Wages and Productivity Boards and Baao Multi Purpose Cooperative. (DTI) [\[top\]](#)

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