

2017- National Best Farmer Receives Award Prize

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture held a presentation ceremony for the 2017- National Best Farmer. Mr. Philip Kwaku Agyemang, the 2017 National Best Farmer received a cash amount of Four Hundred and Forty Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy Ghana cedis equivalent to 100,000 USD at a short ceremony in Accra.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Acting Chief Director, Mr. Patrick Ankobiah lauded Mr. Philip Agyemang who emerged as the overall National Best Farmer for the year 2017. He described Mr. Agyemang's achievement as a 'feat' that, all should be proud of.

Mr. Ankobiah underscored the contribution of farmers to socio-economic development of every country which explained the institution of National Farmers' Day to honour the country's hardworking farmers. He was full of praise to the Agriculture Development Bank for fulfilling its sponsorship obligations.

In presenting the award, the Managing Director of the Agricultural Development Bank, Dr. John Kofi Mensah, indicated that since 2001 the bank had committed itself to building a fully-furnished three-bedroom at a place of choice of the National Best Farmer. Over the years governments have built a total of 15 houses for award winners in various locations across the country.

Mr. Mensah added that the bank in consultation with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture decided to give a listening ear to the concerns of farmers and therefore moved away from the traditional three-bedroom fully furnished house to the provision of a sponsorship package of the cedi equivalent 100,000 USD for its productive use by the National Best Farmer.

At the ceremony, the president of the National Farmers and Fisheries Award Winners Association, Mr. Davis Narh Korboe said agriculture was the game changer in the quest to achieve “Ghana beyond Aid” policy. According to him, the aggressive development of the agricultural value chain was the only way to improve upon the economy of the country.

The 2017 National Best Farmer, Mr. Philip Kwaku Agyemang who was accompanied by the family commended the government and the bank for keeping faith with the awards. He also assured Ghanaians that the money will be used for the purpose of expanding his farming enterprise so as to create jobs for the teeming youth in the country. He thanked the Government and Agriculture Development Bank for the package.