

9th Agriculture and Human Photography finalized

The award ceremony for the 9th "Agriculture and Human" Photography Competition by T.R. Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Husbandry held this year under the sponsorship of DenizBank took place on 18th of January at the Prime Ministry Directorate General of Press and Information. So far, 4 thousand 861 people have taken part in the competition that has continued without any interruption since 2009 with 21 thousand 193 works with 166 having been awarded.

DenizBank Agribanking Executive Vice President Burak Koçak commented; "We, as DenizBank, regard our relation with agriculture as a national duty. As a bank that has been working hand in hand with producers in every area, we are not only interested in financing but also the social aspect of the business in order to support sustainable development in agriculture. We will continue our work with the same excitement and motivation to put a smile on our farmers' face".

Assuming the leading position in agriculture among the private banks with 41% market share in agriculture, **DenizBank**, along with the financial support it provides for the sector, attaches great importance to create social awareness on the importance of land, production and labor.

Within this scope, the bank launched the "Agriculture and Human Photography Competition" for the ninth time with the cooperation of T.R Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Husbandry. The theme of this year for the competition which had six categories including "General", "Farmer", "Student", "Employees of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Husbandry", "DenizBank Employees" and "Theme" was announced as a "National Agriculture" with a sector objective that ensures sustainable growth in production and yield, and plans not only today but also tomorrow.

"We provide a full range consultancy service to support our farmer in every field".

DenizBank Agribanking Executive Vice President Burak Koçak stated that they have an emotional bond with the agriculture sector; as the children of this land, they also strongly feel the responsibility for claiming the agriculture diversity along with the historical and cultural asset that this country offers. Koçak said; "Serving our producer also means serving our country for us. Our primary target is to provide a full range of consultancy service to support yield in production and competitive power of our farmers in the world. Along with the financial instruments we provide in this area, we also care about being there for them through social projects. Agriculture and Human Photography Competition we launched together with our Ministry is a project that underlines the importance of land and agriculture and supports our efforts to create awareness in this regard. I thank all the participants who contributed to the competition and warmly congratulate all the winner competitors".

Emphasizing that they continue their leading position in the sector with 11 billion TL agriculture loan balance, over 1 million customer and 41% market share among private banks, Koçak said; "We take service to the fields of the farmers with our 700 personnel we employ in agribanking. On the other hand, with the awareness of the opportunity chain presented by digitalization in almost every sector, we also support the sector in terms of digitalization and innovation in agriculture. In addition to our Facebook page *Deniz'den Toprağa* that we exclusively designed for producers, we are covering any need of the

producer on our mobile application that we launched in 2017. In the first month of the launch, our application received the Innovation Award by EFMA, one of the most respectable authorities in Europe and in a period as short as 3,5 months, we reached 25 thousand users. We shall continue our journey in the agriculture sector with the same excitement we felt the very first day.”

“Agriculture and human” photography competition

The 9th year of the photography competition that has been held by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Husbandry under “Agriculture and Human” heading since 2009 and organized under DenizBank sponsorship was finalized. Aiming to boost the social and individual awareness regarding the importance of agriculture, the photography competition covers 6 different categories including “General”, “Farmer”, “Student” “Theme”, “Employees of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Husbandry”, “DenizBank Employees”.

The works which won an award within the competition which granted a total cash award of 56,000 TL for photographs that were included into ranking and deemed worthy of a display will be exhibited in 81 provinces by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Husbandry central and rural organization units. In this year’s competition, 512 participants took part in the competition with 2 thousand 34 photographs. While 4 thousand 861 participants joined the competition with 21 thousand 193 works during the remaining 9 years, 166 works received awards whereas 1276 awards were featured in exhibitions and the catalogue.

Award Winners

Ali ACAR	First place
Gökalp BİLİCİ	First place
Gürsel Egemen ERGİN	Second place
İrfan ÇİMEN	Second place
Hatice EREN	Third place
Sema MERMERTAŞ	Third place
Arap ÇATAROĞLU	Farmer & Producer award
Sabri ALTIN	Farmer & Producer award
Doğan BİLİCİ	Student award
Yusuf GEZİCİ	Student award
Caner BAŞER	Theme award
Gülseren SARIGÜL	Theme award
Abdurrahman KURT	Ministry Employees Award
Meryem KÖSE	Ministry Employees Award
Muhammet CEYLAN	DenizBank Employees Award

About DenizBank

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