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## PDS Communities Celebrate at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Night



*(Left photo) Security Bank Corporation (SBC) receives the Cesar EA Virata Award for winning the Best Securities House of the Year, Bank Category. In Photo (from left) are PDEX President & COO Cesar B. Crisol, PDS Group Chairman Emeritus PM Cesar E.A. Virata, SBC President Alberto S. Villarosa, and PDS Group President & CEO Vicente B. Castillo.*



*(Right Photo) First Metro Investment Corporation (FMIC) President Roberto Juanchito T. Dispo (second from left)) receives the Cesar EA Virata Award, Best Securities House, Investment House Category.*

Makati City - Running on its 7<sup>th</sup> year, the Philippine Dealing System (PDS) Awards Night was held April 10, at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel. Here, PDS Group of Companies welcomed its growing market community and honored the 2011 top financial institutions that imparted significant and exceptional achievements to the market.

New set of awards were added to the current roster, recognizing efforts of Issue Managers/Arrangers and Corporate Securities Market Makers in actively taking part in the origination process and consistently providing liquidity for outstanding listed corporate fixed-income securities.

The Best Execution Award was also given for the first time as a toast to the Brokering Participant, for advancing investor protection to exceptional heights, and allowing the widest customer base a more direct access to the market.

The Cesar EA Virata Award likewise broadened its scope, giving recognition to the active participation of investment houses in the development of the corporate debt market. Best Securities House investment house category was given to First Metro Investment Corporation, honoring its exceptional performance in trading and distribution for the

year, and in the origination, underwriting, and market making of outstanding listed corporate securities.

On the other hand, Security Bank Corporation bagged the Cesar EA Virata Best Securities House, Bank Category for seven years in a row for its stellar performance in trading, distribution and settlement activities in the year past.

Top officials from key regulators of the banking sector and the PDS Group attended the affair. SEC Chairperson Teresita J. Herbosa represented the Securities and Exchange Commission, Deputy Governor Nestor A. Espenilla, Jr. represented the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, and National Treasurer Roberto B. Tan, the Bureau of the Treasury. They were also the guest speakers and presenters of the awards.

“For PDS, we strive to make the Awards Night and the awards themselves a testament to what we hold dear as a community and what we feel are remarkable accomplishments by our members.” said PDS Group President and CEO Vicente B. Castillo, in his welcome remarks.

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