



Stefan Knuppel, CEO, OID, extreme right, in a group picture with other officials and school authorities of Joe Moo Schools Complex

Joe Moo School wins 'Jan Binder Award'

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The Sinapi Aba Savings and Loans Limited in partnership with Opportunity International-Deutschland (OID) has awarded this year's 'Jan Binder Award' for the best clean and green school to the Joe Moo Schools Complex at Bodwesango, in the Adansi North district of the Ashanti Region.

The award, meant to encourage best environmental practices on educational institutions across the country, was instituted by OID in honour of Jan Binder, a German with OID who died in an accident while working in Ghana.

Joe Moo Schools Complex, a newly-established micro-educational school with a student population of about 357, was given the award for topping a selected list of schools in the region for environmental cleanliness and keeping green surroundings.

Mr. Stefan Knuppel, Chief Executive Officer of Opportunity

International-Deutschland addressing a gathering of parents and teachers at a short ceremony while presenting the award to the school, urged parents to invest in their children's education -- noting that is the best legacy any parent can give to his/her child.

He said OID through its partner, Sinapi Aba Savings and Loans, will continue to support such innovations.

Martha Binder, mother of the late Jan Binder who graced the ceremony to make the occasion exceptional this year, encouraged schools and parents to work to keep their environment clean and hygienic to prevent outbreak of diseases.

She said among key criteria looked out for in selecting schools for the award are neatness and hygienic conditions, and their preparedness to run farms so as to grow what they consume.

Mr. Ike Tandoh, Public Relations Officer, Sinapi Aba, speaking on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer of Sinapi Aba Mr. Tony Fosu, assured parents and community members of

Sinapi Aba's commitment to supporting the growth of their business at all times.

He however appealed for them to pay back their loans on time, thus enabling others to benefit from the loans and other products.

He urged them to continue doing business with Sinapi Aba all the time, and take advantage of the innovative products and services to also grow their business.

He said Sinapi Aba not only concerns itself with giving out credit but is also keen on helping to build the capacity of people in the country, thus its support in helping to push the concept behind introducing the Jan Binder Award.

The proprietor of Joe Moo Schools Complex, Mr. Joseph M. S. Baidoo, expressing his appreciation for the award also said it will spur them to put in place better facilities to help educate children within the rural communities.