

FAI-RENCAP-CH Fellows receive their diplomas

The first Humanitarian Corps trained and awarded by the AMAN-International Foundation in its special FAI-RENCAP-CH program

Abidjan (28.08.2009) - During the first official visit of the Director of the Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation (FAI) to Côte d'Ivoire, FAI organized a ceremony at the Goethe Institute during which it proceeded to the solemn graduation of its special FAI-RENCAP-CH program to the first class of Humanitarian Corps (CH) trained exclusively by its own faculty. This special program was created with the aim of improving the living conditions of the most destitute populations of our country and other African countries.

Within the framework of his stay in Eburnia, Professor FRIDRICH was scheduled for the solemn presentation of the FAI-RENCAP-CH diplomas in the presence of several eminent personalities including the Minister of Solidarity and War Victims, the Minister of Culture and Francophonie as well as in particular the Secretary General of UNESCO-Côte d'Ivoire, a partner in this FAI program, Professor Lou Mathieu BAMBA.

RENCAP-CH is by definition the special program of "Capacity Building of the Humanitarian Corps" - initiated by the Board of Directors of the AMAN-International Foundation based in Germany. The main objective of this program is to lay the foundation for the "Humanitarian Corps" concept-program in developing and crisis countries by providing local populations and strategic civil society actors with a solid, intensive and short-term training based on the culture of humanitarian fiber and action.

This training is sanctioned by a unique certification - delivered by the FAI Board of Directors headed by Professor Dr. h. c. Bernd-Dieter FRIDRICH. After four sessions of theoretical and practical training in the field, as well as the results of the examination based on internal evaluation criteria, the "FAI-RENCAP-CH Diploma" is awarded to the "Humanitarian Corps" recognized as such.

Initially intended for the internal training of FAI employees, this program was extended in 2007 to the general public for the granting of training scholarships through the FAI Board of Directors. After a rigorous selection of files, one hundred and forty men and women from among the young and not so young were selected to benefit from an FAI-RENCAP-CH scholarship within the framework of the first promotion launched in summer 2007.

They are the most deserving of the last 3 (three) promotions in 2007, 2008 and 2009 - those who have brilliantly succeeded in braving the 4 (four) grades of this intensive theoretical and practical field training. They were admitted to present their research work and to obtain the final diploma delivered only by the Director of the FAI Board of Directors.

It was a source of pride for the best of the graduates to receive their diplomas on August 28 from the Director of the Board of Directors and the Founding President, accompanied by their guests of honor. Twenty recipients were awarded the "FAI-RENCAP-CH Diploma" and ten others were selected to receive their Grade 1 and 2 Certificates on the occasion of this ceremony which was punctuated by testimonies from the "Humanitarian Corps" which in the FAI jargon is simply "CH". The prize for the "Fairest CH" was awarded to Gérard KOUASSI KOUADIO who was recognized as a true model of Humanitarian Corps by his fellow "CH", by an independent jury and by FAI officials.

It should be noted that FAI is not at its first action of high social significance, it has accomplished many very significant actions for the construction of peace and social cohesion in Côte d'Ivoire which has earned it two national distinctions. The Founding President was made a Knight of the Order of Merit of Solidarity of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on August 25, 2008 in Daloa and the Director of the Board was decorated as an Officer of the said national distinction in Gagnoa last Tuesday.