



JIMI PHILLIPS

with his prize-winning invention.

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14-yr invention

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A 14-year-old invention has finally paid off for 34-year-old Jimi Phillips.

And last Thursday evening, a proud Phillips collected what he considered to be one of the biggest pay cheques in his life, - \$7,000 - courtesy West Indian Tobbacco company for his efforts.

He had earlier been named winner of the first-ever Rudolph Charles Pan Innovation award for his invention a collapsible pan stand for which he was presented with a first prize cheque of \$5,000 along with the Rudolph Charles Trophy.

Three Entries

Phillips, who submitted three entries in the competition, also took the third prize of \$2,000 for his work on a pan measure.

The unemployed Chaguanas lad told the SUNDAY GUARDIAN that it was a very long time since he last held that type of money in his hands.

He said he had three kids to look after, and the only source of income was from making items related to the pan industry.

"I make things like pan sticks and the stand which won the first prize, in an effort to survive", he said.

Phillips stated that he was not surprised when he heard he had won the first prize, although he never thought that he could capture two awards.

"I am delighted and I look towards this success as a form of advertising the inventions. The collapsible stand could well be the thing of the future for panmen".

The stand can be adjusted to the height of the player. It can also be broken down and carried in a case approximately 24 inches long and 15 inches in circumference.

The pan measure which took third prize, is a device for measuring the outer notes of any pan. It was invented in 1982.

Jimi described his life as a struggle and said that his success was an incentive to continue struggling for the development of pan.

"I can't say off-hand what I will be doing with the money, but some small part will be directed towards helping pan."