



GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL LEADER OF THE YEAR

Key Note

Leadership and management are crucial to the success of any organization, a football club like the Paro Football Academy is certainly no different. Given the voluntary nature of our clubs and the environment and society we live in today, clubs have to earn support and involvement which all starts from effective leadership. However, Paro FA is guided by a visionary leader. The Grassroots programme under his leadership has taken multitudinous development.

Name of the nominee: Karma Jigme

Designation: President

Category: Club & Academies

Award: Grassroots football leader of the year

Year : 2022

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Image: Karma Jigme, President, Paro FC



Justification to entry

Far too often we hear clubs complaining about the lack of support from the local community and the governing body. When you investigate further it frequently emerges that the club is not engaging with anybody outside its own boundaries and even within its own organization. However, at Paro FC we believe in handling our own things - there is no lack of determination, direction, delegation and accountability. The man silently driving the change is no other than Karma Jigme, the President of Paro FC. Today his thoughts and ideas have provided general grassroots program, 'Catch them Young' and 'Keep them moving' to 168 children regularly which encompasses disabled children as well. Paro FC Grassroots program has also reached out to other communities by organizing football program for monks, the disabled and parents. As the recipient of the Best Grassroots Club award by AFC in the year 2020 the President of Paro FC, Karma Jigme said: "At Paro FC, we believe that football is for everyone and it is our goal to ensure that people from different cultures and backgrounds have the opportunity to play the sport. Football is a tool for social change, and we will continue to reach out to more people in our grassroots activities." The initiatives like the Paro Jr. League, interview skill training, an intra club tournament for the grassroots children which began in 2021 has been a brain child of Karma Jigme. Today the Paro Jr. League flaunts for its professional conduct, real sense of competition environment and parental engagement. The recent investment to develop and complete two academy pitches (56 m by 23 m) particularly focusing on specialized training for the four age categories (U8, U10, U12 & U14) is a model that other investors and football stakeholders are inspired of. The success of grassroots academy was evident from winning Mini Dragon League titles under all age categories. Under his personal initiative, he has secured eight scholarship for underprivileged children and also provided training kits for many players. He was also the forerunner in advocating, ~~convincing and confirming the establishment of academy at Paro FC for the long~~ term development of players to the board members. And manage to bring technical director for long term development of players. His leadership and commitment will echo for eons to come



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