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Letter of Condolence

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Swaminathan, and we mourn the loss of a great agricultural scientist who contributed significantly to the world.

Dr. Swaminathan, as the first director general of the International Rice Research Institute, made outstanding contributions to the development of global rice research. His pivotal role in advancing hybrid rice technology and attracting scientists from around the world to the International Rice Research Institute is commendable.

In 1986, Dr. Swaminathan hosted the inaugural International Symposium on Hybrid Rice in Changsha, China, where rice scientists from over 20 countries came together to discuss hybrid rice research. This event played a crucial role in bringing hybrid rice technology to the world stage.

Dr. Swaminathan developed a strong relationship and deep friendship with Prof. Yuan Longping and Hunan Hybrid Rice Research Center. He aspired for the center to become a hub for hybrid rice research, international exchange, and training. We highly value and cherish our collaboration with the International Rice Research Institute and look forward to strengthening our partnership to contribute further to the global food industry.

We offer our heartfelt condolences on Dr. Swaminathan's passing and extend our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely,

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