



Malacañan Palace

Manila

This

Presidential Citation

is awarded to

Honorable

Dr. Surajit K. De Datta

Former Principal Senior Scientist

Agronomy Department

International Rice Research Institute

Los Banos, Laguna, Philippines

For having devoted twenty seven of the best years of his life to improving rice production in Asia, particularly in the Philippines, by detecting the responsiveness to fertilizers and high yield potential of IR8, the first modern rice variety developed at IRRI that revolutionized Asian agriculture, and by identifying effective rice weed control approaches now used in more than three-fourths of the country's total rice area;

For his ongoing invaluable contributions in helping the Filipino people produce more food through the use of modern rice varieties and rice-vegetables cropping systems that use less pesticides, resulting from an intercontinental collaborative research support program on integrated pest management that he initiated and now directs, and where the Philippines is one of two Asian sites.

Done this 14th day of January, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

Glenn Arroyo

