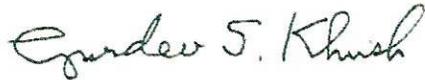


More than \$110 million primarily from USAID for agricultural development projects in the developing countries was obtained by Dr. De Datta. These programs focus on food security, natural resource management, agricultural policy and education issues. Dr. De Datta serves at the principal manager of the projects in West, East and Southern Africa where needs of food security and environmental sustainability are the greatest.

Dr. De Datta has paid special attention to gender equity issues an all the Virginia Tech led projects in the world. His passion and support for food security and natural resource management issues in Africa through collaborative research, education, and outreach activities has made progress in development of several technologies for on-farm use. In these endeavors, he has involved several leading US land-grant universities besides his own university, IARC's, NGO's, private sector and natural agricultural systems.

For his manifold contributions during his 45 year career as agricultural scientist, Dr. De Datta has been honored with several awards such as Borlaug Award, International Service Awards in Agronomy, Crop Science and Soil Science, AAAS Fellow, Presidential Citation from the president of the Philippines, IRRI and UPLB.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gurdev S. Khush".

Gurdev S. Khush
Visiting Scientist