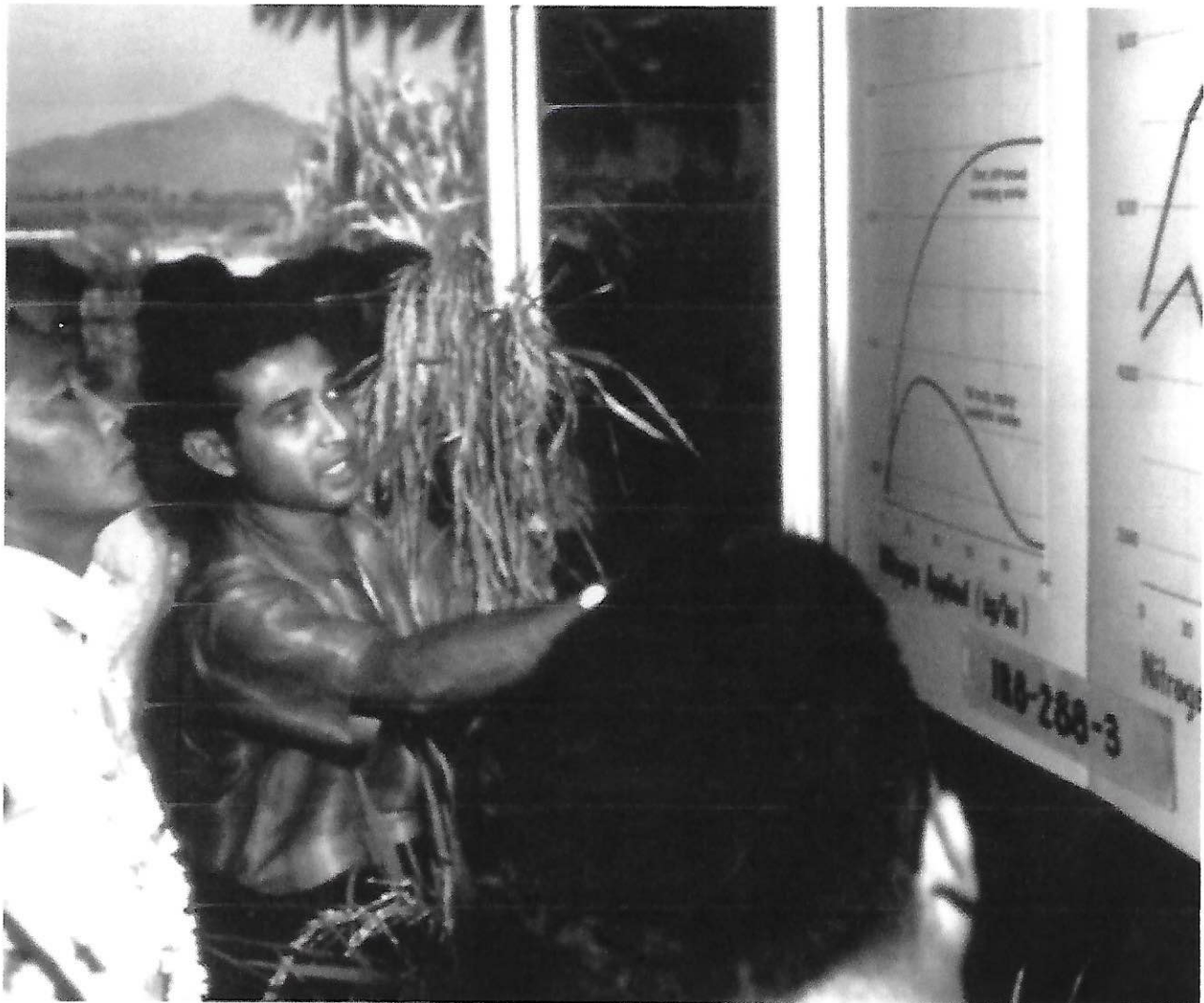


Asia. It is difficult to overstate this achievement; rice sustains about 3.5 billion people either partially or fully for caloric intake around the world, mostly in Asia.” (source-adapted from Wikipedia)



Dr. De Datta explaining the rice yield results to an interested President Marcos at IRRI, Philippines (source: IRRI photo archive)

Ferdinand Marcos, then President of the Philippines, visited IRRI in June 1966, and was very impressed by Dr. De Datta's research results at IRRI farm and subsequently received 2kg