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Ms. Soumya Swaminathan
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Dear Ms. Soumya Swaminathan,

I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your esteemed father, Dr. Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.

Dr. Swaminathan's contributions to agriculture and his pivotal role in ushering in the "Green Revolution" in India are nothing short of extraordinary. His visionary leadership, dedication, and tireless efforts played a crucial role in transforming India into a leading wheat producer and alleviating hunger and famine. His legacy will forever be etched in the annals of history, and his impact on the lives of countless people is immeasurable.

I had the privilege of receiving Dr. Swaminathan's guidance and cherishing our interactions, for which I am truly grateful. His wisdom, passion, and commitment to the betterment of society left a lasting impression on me. Our last meeting in 2017 was a cherished memory, and I will always remember his warmth and guidance.

During these challenging times, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. While no words can fully ease the pain of losing a beloved father and a distinguished figure like Dr. Swaminathan, I hope that you find solace in the knowledge that his legacy continues to inspire and uplift countless individuals around the world.

Once again, please accept my deepest condolences, and may Dr. Swaminathan's soul rest in eternal peace.

Respectfully yours,

Yohei Sasakawa
Chairman

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