

Fw: A Tribute to 1971 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee Dr. M.S. Swaminathan

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To our dearest Magsaysay Community,

The Board of Trustees, Officers, and Staff of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and relatives of Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan, better known to us all as our dear Dr. Swaminathan or Dr. Swami, our esteemed 1971 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for Community Leadership from India.

Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, often hailed as the Father of India's Green Revolution, peacefully passed away at the age of 98 on September 28 in his home in Chennai, India. He is survived by his three daughters: Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Madhura Swaminathan, and Nitya Rao.

Renowned worldwide for his pivotal role in averting starvation for millions, Dr. Swaminathan's groundbreaking research and pioneering training programs empowered farmers in remote parts of India to cultivate more productive varieties of wheat and rice. The distinguished cytogeneticist's exceptional contributions and visionary leadership in agricultural production not only rescued the subcontinent from poverty and famine but also initiated a transformative movement toward a food-secure India.

[MS Swaminathan in foundation.jpg] [MS Swami 1.jpg]

Dr. Swaminathan's exceptional contributions to agriculture earned him numerous accolades, first and foremost the 1971 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership, followed by the prestigious and highest honor in agriculture, the First World Food Prize in 1987 in recognition of his leadership as Director-general of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines.

[1971 Moncompu Sambasivan Swaminathan (India).jpg]

The Board of Trustees recognizes his contributions as scientist, educator of both students and farmers, and administrator

toward generating a new confidence in India's agricultural capabilities.

With the proceeds from the First World Food Prize, the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) was established as a non-profit research institution that aims to accelerate the use of modern science for sustainable agricultural and rural development. The M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation in Chennai continues to be a pillar in agricultural research.

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In his role as the principal mentor and leader of MSSRF, his tireless efforts to harmonize scientific advancements in agriculture with rural operations and indigenous farming practices have not only ensured India's ability to cultivate ample crops for its vast population, guaranteeing food security, but have also positioned the nation as a major food grain exporter.

Throughout his illustrious career, he occupied distinguished positions within India as well as various international organizations, offering his invaluable expertise and lending credibility to these institutions. Moreover, his generosity in sharing his profound agricultural science knowledge and his influential transformative leadership left an enduring mark.

[2010 BOT Meeting.jpg] [2010 BOT.jpg]

Dr. Swaminathan with members of the Board of Trustees in 2010

As a board member of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation from 2010 to 2013, he shared his valuable insights and wisdom, and the RMAF community considers itself privileged to have had him as a Trustee, even if only for a brief period.

As we bid farewell to an extraordinary individual, we find solace in knowing that Dr. M.S. Swaminathan's enduring legacy will serve as a timeless source of inspiration for generations of scientists and dedicated individuals committed to utilizing agricultural science for the constructive advancement of nations.

You will be deeply missed, Dr. Swaminathan!

The Board of Trustees, Officers and Staff of the
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