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Dear Dr Swaminathan

**Expert Group Planning Meeting on the  
"Implications of Biotechnology on Asian Agriculture"  
in Kuala Lumpur, 27-28 June 1988**  
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Thank you for accepting our invitation to participate in the Expert Group Planning Meeting for the project **Implications of Biotechnology for Asian Agriculture** at APDC, Kuala Lumpur, on 27-28 June 1988.

As indicated in our earlier letter, the basic objective of this meeting is to firm up the details of the seminar for planners and policy makers on the relevance of biotechnology for developing countries of Asia to be convened later this year. It is envisaged that the seminar itself would serve as a forum for policy makers and scientists to assess the contribution that biotechnology has made or has the potential to make in accelerating food production and agricultural development to improve the quality of life of people in the largely agriculture-based economies in this region.

Specifically, the planning meeting is expected to decide on:

- (a) specific themes and topics on which papers will be invited or commissioned for the policy makers' seminar;
- (b) names of scholars/scientists to invite/commission to write the papers on themes/topics identified in (a) above; and
- (c) policy makers to invite to the regional seminar.

As you suggested, we assume that you will be making your own travel arrangements and the Centre will reimburse your ticket and other travel-related expenses (taxi fares, travel tax, airport tax, etc.) later.

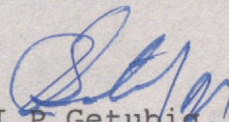
Accommodation arrangements for all participants have been made at the APDC International House which occupies the four topmost floors of the APDC building itself. The venue of the meeting is the Board Room located on the 3rd floor of the building. Meals are served at the Frisco Restaurant on the ground floor of the Centre.

Upon arrival, please purchase a taxi coupon at the counter outside the arrival area (far right as you go out) and give this to the taxi driver with instruction to take you to APDC at Pesiaran Duta road (you may also have to tell him the Centre is located right next to the national hockey stadium). Kindly ask for your meeting packet which contains the programme and other relevant documents when you register at the reception.

The Centre will be providing a modest Daily Subsistence Allowance of US\$95 for three days to meet your accommodation, meals and other expenses.

We eagerly look forward to meeting you and to a fruitful planning meeting.

Sincerely yours



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