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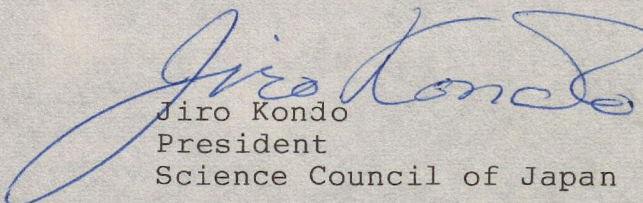
Dear Dr. Swaminathan:

Thank you for your letter of September 10. I am delighted to hear that you are coming to Japan.

However, I am leaving for USA and Spain on 27th. I will be back on 11th October.

I am sorry I shall miss you in Japan. Hope you will have an enjoyable stay in Tokyo.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jiro Kondo  
President  
Science Council of Japan

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Dear Prof. Rondo .

Many thanks for your kind letter of September 24. I am sorry I missed the privilege of meeting you during this visit to your beautiful and dynamic country. I had particularly wanted to discuss your beautiful concept, "Technology is a means to achieve happiness", expressed in your interview published in the September / October issue of Earthwatch. Your program, New Earth - 21, which you are implementing through your Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth (RITE), is a timely initiative.

I enclose a copy of our 1991-92 Annual Report. This Centre's major aim is to increase opportunities for skilled jobs in rural areas through the blending of traditional and frontier technologies. I am sorry you will not be able to join us next

April at the Dialogue on Eco-technology and Rural Employment where we plan to review the progress of China's SPARK programme and India's rural employment strategies. I shall however be grateful if you could depute a suitable scientist who can describe the programmes of RITE.

I also enclose information on the structure of the final report of the International Commission on Peace and Food, which will be presented at the Carter Presidential Center at Atlanta, USA on October 2, 93.

I shall be very grateful if you would be kind enough to join the Commission and help in finalising the Chapter on science and technology. This Report will be an input for the Summit United Nations plans to convene in 1995, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

I shall be very grateful if you could consider our Research Centre as a link centre of RITE in India. This will help us to test your concepts and techniques, which may make a difference in the lives of millions of poor women,

Children and men in villages and towns.

I fully share your view that  
"Technology is a means to happiness"

I am hence anxious that we should  
spread the message and methods of  
RITE in rural India as soon  
as possible. Kindly let me

know how RITE and the Centre  
for Research on Sustainable Agricultural  
and Rural Development (CRSARD)  
can work together. We can develop  
a simple Memorandum of Understanding  
for this purpose (I enclose a few  
examples).

I am looking forward to  
welcoming you soon to India.  
Meanwhile, I send you my  
warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely  
D. S. Swaminathan

Prof. Taro Kondo  
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