

IRRI'S DIRECTOR-GENERAL VISITS ODA HEADQUARTERS

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Leaders of ODA-funded rice research projects in the UK aimed at solving overseas problems visited ODA headquarters last month to meet the prominent Indian agricultural scientist Dr M S Swaminathan FRS, the new Director-General of the Philippines-based International Rice Research Institute, and to make short presentations of the work in progress at their various universities and scientific institutions.

Introducing Dr Swaminathan, ODA's Chief Natural Resources Adviser Dr R K Cunningham said that specialised UK-based work in collaboration with overseas institutions such as IRRI had grown considerably during the last decade. The advantages of this, as opposed to conducting such research in developing countries themselves, were not only a saving in capital investment required for the elaborate facilities to do this type of work but the ability to draw more readily on the UK's considerable reserves of scientific knowhow.

It was announced last month that IRRI had been awarded the Third World Prize for 1982 (the first time it has been won by an organisation). A feature on the work of IRRI appeared in the October issue of Overseas Development.

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To Dr Swannick - family

I do hope you have settled in happily and
are enjoying the new post. If there is anything

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes
for a Happy New Year

I can do from London, do let me know.

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