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14 February 1987

My dear Chancellor de Guzman,

I thank you very much for your kind letter of 21st January concerning the endowment fund for UPLB. I enclose 3 copies of the Deed of Donation signed by me together with a bank draft for ₱200,000. I thank you and the University for kindly accepting this donation which carries with it my deep respect for the outstanding work being done by UPLB under your visionary leadership.

With warm personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

M. S. Swaminathan  
Director General

Chancellor Raul de Guzman  
University of the Philippines  
at Los Banos  
College, Laguna

Enclosure: 3 copies of signed deed of donation  
bank draft for ₱200,000

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DEED OF DONATION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Deed of Donation made and executed by and between:

Dr. Monkumbo S. Swaminathan, Director General of International Rice Research Institute, married, of legal age, with residence at College, Laguna, and hereinafter referred to as the DONOR,

- and -

The UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AT LOS BAÑOS, a state institution of higher learning created pursuant to Act No. 1870, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 58, with principal office at College, Laguna, represented herein by its Chancellor, Dr. RAUL P. DE GUZMAN, and hereinafter referred to as the DONEE.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DONOR is keenly aware that, in today's world particularly in developing countries, an area of research which is vital to the happiness and well-being of the generations yet to be born is attention to the conservation of the biosphere and geosphere; there is, therefore a need to encourage more research on problems relating to the ecological sustainability of land and water use patterns;

WHEREAS, the DONOR was awarded the Albert Einstein World Science Prize by the World Cultural Council;

WHEREAS, the DONOR is offering to donate the cash equivalent of the award amounting to two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00), Philippine currency, to the DONEE either for creating a professorial chair in the field of environmental science or for providing fellowships to bright graduate students working for their Ph. D. on problems relevant to the sustainable use of natural resources;

*D.S. Swaminathan*

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises and as a pure act of liberality, the DONOR hereby voluntarily and freely gives, transfers and conveys by way of donation unto the said DONEE, the amount of two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) for the purpose of constituting an endowment fund to be used either for creating a professorial chair in the field of environmental science or for providing fellowships to bright graduate students working for their Ph.D. on problems relevant to the sustainable use of natural resources; provided, that if the DONEE will prefer to use the endowment fund for fellowships, all other things being equal, preference shall be given to the sons/daughters of Filipino staff members of IRRI.

The DONEE hereby receives and accepts this donation and expresses its appreciation for this act of generosity by the DONOR.

The DONEE also accepts the responsibility to use the donated amount in accordance with the desire of the DONOR.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DONOR and the DONEE hereunto set their hands this 17th day of February 1987 at Los Baños, Laguna.

MONKUMBO S. SWAMINATHAN  
(DONOR)

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES  
AT LOS BAÑOS  
(DONEE)

By:

*M. S. Swaminathan*

*Raul P. de Guzman*  
RAUL P. DE GUZMAN  
Chancellor

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

*Victoria Sebastian*

*Ric Tan Legido*