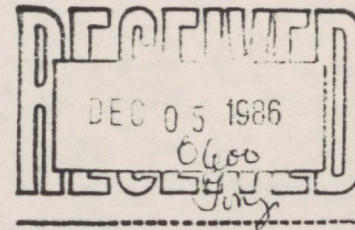


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The following was received from the U.S. Department of State Press Office,
Quote.

1. Indian press today carried the item on the announcement of the Albert Einstein Science Award of \$50,000 to Dr. Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan for his contributions in developing hybrid cereal grains. The award is given by the World Cultural Council, a non-profit private organization in Mexico. Swaminathan will receive the award at a ceremony on November 6, in Guadalajara, Mexico. This award follows on the heels of the announcement of another Indian scientist, Dr. N.G.K. Menon, being elected as President of the International Council of Scientific Unions last month. Another first for an Asian and an Indian scientist.
2. Swaminathan is currently Director-General of the International Rice Research Institute at Los Banos, Philippines. Swaminathan was born on August 7, 1925 and received his Ph.D from Cambridge in agricultural sciences. Swaminathan's name is synonymous with advancement of Indian Agricultural Research. Dr. Swaminathan was a member of Nobel laureate Dr. Norman Borlaug's team of scientists that developed the hybrid wheat and corn in Mexico. He has played a vital role in the INDO-U.S. Agricultural partnership and towards green revolution. He is recognized for his contribution in introducing dwarf wheat to India. He was Director of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, during 1966-72, was the Secretary of Agriculture in the Ministry of Agriculture from 1980-81, and member of India's planning commission (the job currently held by Prof. M.G.K. Menon) before taking over his present post in the Philippines.
3. Dr. Swaminathan is a fellow of the U.S. National Science Academy, the Royal Society London and the Indian National Science Academy. He held the position of President of the Indian Science Congress in 1976, and has received several awards including the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award, the Mendel Memorial Award, the Ramon Magsaysay Award, Barclay Medal of the Asiatic Society, etc. Dr. Swaminathan was elected President of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) in 1985. He has been able to increase Asian participation in IUCN and surprised everyone with his energy and capacity to add this job to his other activities.
4. For Embassy Manila: Please convey congratulations from Embassy New Delhi Scitouns Meer to Dr. Swaminathan for this well-deserved award. Dean. Unquote.

Regards, Ed.