

July 13, 1999

DECLARATION OF INTENT

THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THROUGH THE PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE CHINESE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,

ON THE OCCASION of the visit of **His Excellency Chen Yaobang, Minister of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China**, to the Republic of the Philippines on 12 July 1999;

DESIRING to further enhance the existing friendly relations between the Republic of the Philippines and the People's Republic of China on the basis of the principles of equality, mutual respect and benefit;

RECALLING the 1978 Scientific and Technical Cooperation Agreement between the two countries;

RECOGNIZING the importance of agriculture in national development and in the improvement of the standard of living of their citizens;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS :

1. To undertake collaborative endeavors in agriculture and related fields to propel their respective economies to a new level in the 21st Century;
2. To continue the discussions on and try to officially sign, as early as possible, the Agricultural Cooperation Protocol between the two governments.

The protocol will serve as a framework that shall govern their cooperative relations in agriculture and related fields.

DONE in Manila, Philippines, on this 12th day of July 1999 in the English and Chinese language, both texts being equally authentic.

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Secretary of Agriculture of
the Government of the
Republic of The Philippines

Minister of Agriculture
of the Government of the
People's Republic of China

**Memorandum of Understanding on Technical Cooperation on Hybrid Rice
Technology between the
Republic of the Philippines Department of Agriculture and the People's
Republic of China Ministry of Agriculture**