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ARF CELEBRATED THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RICE, 2004

"Rice is Life" photo contest, opened to amateur and professional photographers, was undertaken in May 2004. The entries depicted different aspects of rice: production process from land preparation to harvest, marketing, consumption, and rice cultural heritage from rituals to festivals. Of the total 523 entries received, 31 were selected and exhibited at the LRI Galerie; Central Post Office Building in Manila; and at

PhilRice in Maligaya, Nueva Ecija. Three prize winning entries are "Harvesting Rice in Sadanga, Mt. Province," by Dave C. Leprozo, first prize; "Eating Time of Scavengers," by Revoli S. Cortez, second; and "Magtanim by Di Biro," by Reynaldo C. Mondez, third. To view the photos please visit ARF website: www.asiarice.org



First prize winner, Mr. Dave C. Leprozo (left photo) and Third prize winner, Mr. Reynaldo C. Mondes (right photo), with Dr. Emil Q. Javier, ARF Board Chair; Secretary Arthur C. Yap, Secretary of Department of Agriculture, Philippines; Mr. Raffaello Tarroni, Country Representative, UNIDO, and Dr. Fernando A. Bernardo, Member of ARF Board (at the podium), during the Awards Ceremony, 15 October 2004.

Rice Garden at Luneta Park is a showcase and living exhibit to show the whole production spectra of rice. The target audience are the youth and city dwellers. To celebrate IYR, a ceremonial harvesting was carried out

on 13 August 2004 wherein 400 elementary and secondary students from the national capital region joined officers and staff of Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, Philrice and ARF.



Rice Garden at Luneta Park.



A group of the 400 elementary and secondary Students from National Capital Region that participated at the ceremonial harvest, pose with Mr. Palayman at the Rice Garden.

Pahiyas Festival, the annual May 15 celebration honoring San Isidro Labrador, the patron saint of farmers, was held in Lucban, Quezon. One of the highlights of the festival in 2004 is the event called “Bayo ko tahip mo” (I pound rice, you winnow), a traditional rice pounding and cleaning competition, in which ARF provided the prize.

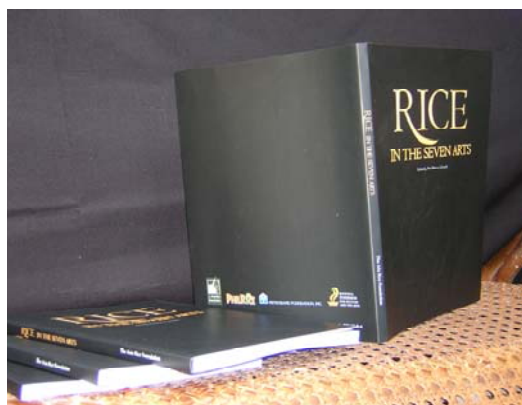
Exhibit, International Rice Festival and Forum. An IYR year long celebration was closed with a culminating program of exhibits and international forum was organized on 23-30 November 2004. Guests included rice stakeholders from farmer groups, local

government units, staff from state colleges and universities, government officials and diplomatic corps.



ARF's booth whose top 30 photos from the Rice is Life Photo Contest were exhibited and the newly released book “Rice in the Seven Arts” was displayed.

A book on Rice in the Seven Arts was launched on 10 December 2004. The event was attended by the authors, editor, sponsors, ARF officers and members, and friends. Rice in the 7 Arts presents a first in rice literature: this book combines an appreciation of rice cultural heritage while highlighting the centrality of rice in Asia.



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Authors, sponsors, and ARF Chair pose during the Book Launching. From left to right: Nicanor Torres, Jr, Geronimo V. Manahan, Corazon S. Alvina, Augusto F. Villalon, Paul B. Zafaralla; Eddie Romero, F. Sionil Jose, Emil Q. Javier, Leocadio Sebastian.

OTHER ARF PROJECTS IN 2004

Deploying genetic diversity to increase productivity and sustainability of intensive rice culture.

Field studies were conducted from September 2003 to December 2004 at two locations at Munoz, Nueva Ecija and Candelaria, Quezon. Rice varieties, known to have susceptibility to disease and lodging, were grown side by side with disease and lodging resistant varieties. The resistant varieties served as a protective “barrier” to the susceptible ones. Preliminary results are encouraging.



Lodging in Sampaguita monoculture plot. No lodging was observed in plots planted to mixtures of Sampaguita and PSBRc30, 2004 WS, Munoz, Nueva Ecija.

Brown Rice Campaign has achieved good response in Los Baños. ARF continues the promotion to revive the eating of this health food to cover a broader area. ARF supported the 3-day brown rice awareness campaign “Nutrisyon ay tiyakin, brown rice ay ihain” of the Development Communication class of UPLB on 1-3 October 2004. The strategy was to promote the merits of brown rice to the core users mainly mothers. About 30 mothers from Los Baños attended the seminar.

ARF will publish a recipe book on brown rice. If you have such recipes, please share it with us.

The **Asia Rice Foundation** is a regional nonprofit organization that works for an Asia that can feed itself, treasures the rich heritage of its rice cultures, cares about the well-being of both its rice consumers and producers, and values its rice-growing land as a precious commodity to be shared with future generations.



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LIFETIME MEMBERS

Lifetime Members ARF now counts 123 lifetime members (individuals and institutions) from 21 countries (see list below). We are asking our members to invite friends and colleagues to join.

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Milestones. Two of our lifetime members, Dr. Joseph Madamba (1936-2004) and Dr. Angelita del Mundo (1935-2004), are sadly missed.

Update of contact address. Thanks for those who responded to our request (sent via email, 1 April 2005) for update of postal mailing and email addresses. We request response from others who have not yet done so. This will facilitate efficient communication with our lifetime members.