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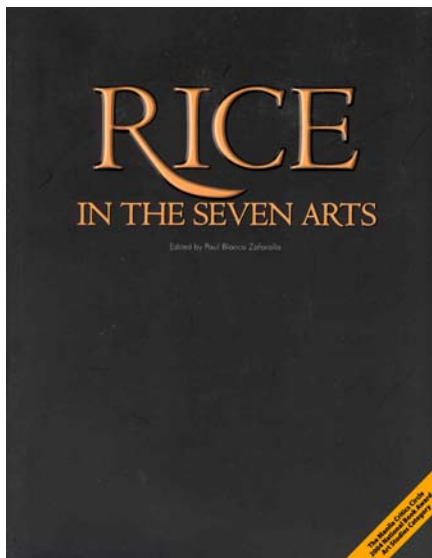
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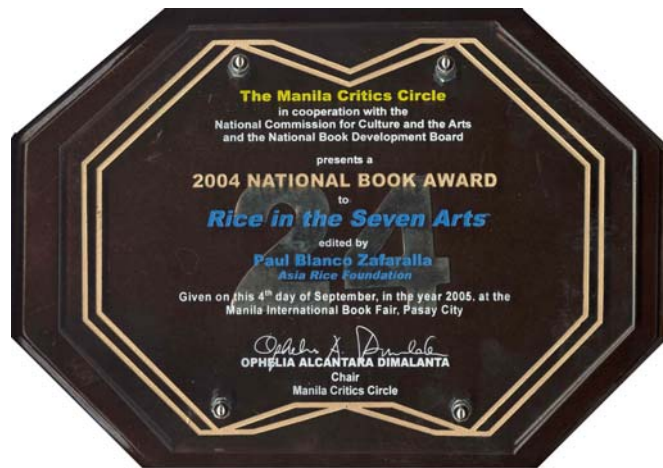
RICE IN THE SEVEN ARTS RECEIVES THE 2004 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

The ARF book **Rice in the Seven Arts** won a 2004 Philippine National Book Award, in the Art Studies category, during the 24th Philippine National Book Awards. Awarding ceremony was held on September 4, 2005 at the World Trade Center, Pasay City, as part of the Manila International Book Fair.

The award citation reads: *“For paying tribute to the national staple and its role in the national psyche, these studies of rice as artful manifestations warm the stomach and address the different levels of hunger more than any rolling store could.”*



The book Rice in the Seven Arts



2004 National Book Award plaque

SEMINAR ON RICE: LANDSCAPE, ENVIRONMENT AND RESEARCH

ARF organized a seminar on “Rice: Landscape, Environment and Research” on Friday 18 November 2005 at Drilon Hall, SEARCA, Los Banos. The seminar covered three important aspects of rice in the Philippines: the rice landscape, rice and environment, and research for self sufficiency in rice. Mr. Teodoro B. Baguilat Jr, former Governor of Ifugao and currently

Head of the Save the Ifugao Movement, talked on “Conservation and Land Use Using Indigenous Management Systems in Ifugao, Philippine Cordilleras”, Dr. Robert Zeigler, Director General of IRRI, presented the paper entitled “Matching Asia’s Demand for a Healthy Environment with Continued Growing Demand for Food,” while Dr. Frisco Malabanan, Chief Science Research

Specialist, PhilRice and Program Director, Ginintuang Masaganang Ani Rice Program, Department of Agriculture discussed The Philippine Rice Industry: Striving for Self-Sufficiency”. The seminar was very well attended.

Anyone interested in getting a copy of the papers, please e-mail your request indicating if you wish to receive an e-mail copy or to pick-up copies at the ARF office.



Seminar speakers pose with the members of the ARF Working Group (L-R: Dr. Fernando Bernardo, Dr. Benito Vergara, Dr. Robert Zeigler, Mr. Teodoro Baguilat, Jr., Dr. Frisco Malabanan, Dr. Kwanchai Gomez, Dr. Emil Javier and Dr. Cesar Mamaril)

AN ARF LIFETIME MEMBERS' MEETING

The ARF Lifetime Members' meeting was held on 18 November 2005, following the seminar on "Rice: Landscape, Environment and Research." At the meeting, a report on the progress of projects/activities of the ARF in the past year was presented, followed by the discussion on the proposed projects for 2006-2007, as listed below:

1. IYR Global Whole Rice Initiative
2. A Coffeetable Book on "Around the World with Rice"
3. Rice: Folk Beliefs
4. The Youth Rice Camp
5. Rice Postcards
6. The Enduring Harvest: How Young Ifugaos Tell the Story of Their Rice Culture



Lifetime members taking a break before the meeting

7. Pahiyas: A Celebration of Growing Rice in Lucban, Quezon
8. Rice, Water and Forest Conference
9. Short Story Contest on Rice
10. Brown Rice Cookbook
11. ARF Annual Rice Seminar

- The ARF continuing projects include:
1. National Rice Foundations
 2. Rice Garden
 3. ARF Website
 4. Biodiversity
 5. Brown Rice National Campaign

ARF PRESENTED AT CORRA MEETING

Dr. Kwanchai Gomez, Executive Director of ARF, presented the programs/activities and accomplishments of the Asia Rice Foundation in the last six years as well as future plans to the 9th meeting of the Council for Partnerships on Rice Research in Asia (CORRA), held in Bali, Indonesia, 9-11 September 2005.

CORRA is composed of heads of the National Agricultural Research and Extension Systems (NARES) in 16 countries in Asia plus the Director General of IRRI.

AN ARF PAPER ON BROWN RICE RECEIVES A PRIZE

Ms. Rhoda S. Lantin presented a paper on "Brown Rice: Reviving a Lost Health Food" at the Doreen Gamboa Fernandez Food Symposium, August 27, 2005, at the Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati City. The

paper was based on the Brown Rice for Health Campaign project of ARF in the Philippines. The paper received the third prize.

ARF REPORT PUBLISHED

ARF has published the ARF Report 1999-2005 covering its programs and activities from its establishment in 1999 through August 2005; all projects/activities aimed at improving and sustaining the common quest aimed at improving and sustaining the common quest towards mobilizing and providing support for research, educational, cultural, and advocacy movements for the betterment of the rice world. Activities of all

member National Rice Foundations were also discussed.

Copies are being distributed to all Lifetime Members, donors, partner institutions and individuals interested in rice. If anyone is interested in getting a copy of the report, please e-mail your request, indicating if you wish to receive a copy or to pick-up copies at the ARF office.

THE ARF WORKING GROUP



ARF Working Group during its meeting in November 2005.

The ARF Working Group is an informal group of experts and interested parties that come together to help develop projects/activities of ARF in the Philippines and to help in the implementation. We are inviting all ARF Lifetime Members, particularly those in the Philippines, to join the Working Group and to participate at their meetings. Please inform us of your interest so that we can inform you of the venue and agenda of each WG meeting.

NEWS BITS

Dr. Javier, Chairman of ARF Board of Trustees, has been recognized

Dr. Emil Q. Javier, chair of the ARF Board of Trustees, was awarded the University of Illinois' 2005 Madhuri and Jagdish N. Sheth International Alumni Award for Exceptional Achievement. The award recognizes alumni who were citizens of another country at the time of their enrollment at UI and who have achieved international or national prominence in academia, business, government, science, human welfare, arts and humanities, or other fields. Dr. Javier was honored at a dinner in the Champaign-Urbana campus on March 2, 2005.

On 20 October 2005, Dr. Javier was elected President of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) of the Philippines. NAST is mandated to recognize outstanding achievements in science and technology and to serve as a reservoir of competent scientific and technological manpower for the country. Specific mandates are the following:

- To recognize outstanding achievements in science and technology as well as provide meaningful incentives to those engaged in scientific and technological researches (P.D. 1003-A).
- To advise the President and the Cabinet on matters related to science and technology (Executive Order No. 818).
- To engage in projects and programs designed to recognize outstanding achievements in science and to promote scientific productivity (Executive Order No. 818).
- To embark on programs traditionally and internationally expected of an academy of science (Executive Order No. 818)

Welcome New ARF Lifetime Members

ARF warmly welcomes 8 new lifetime members:

1. Dr. Mario Labadan, President, Agri-Specialist, Inc., Philippines
2. Dr. Robert Zeigler, Director General, IRRI, Philippines
3. Mr. Julian Lapitan, Senior Manager, IPMO and Training Center, IRRI, Philippines
4. Dr. Balasubramanian Ponnuswami, Professor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, India
5. Dr. Masahiko Maekawa, Professor, RIB, Okayama University, Japan
6. Mr. Kiyohari Oono, Dr. of Agriculture, Kobe University, Japan
7. Dr. Kamijima Osanu, Professor, Kobe University, Japan
8. Dr. Yoshio Sano, Professor, Hokkaido University, Japan

We invite all Lifetime Members to get more involved in the Asia Rice Foundation projects and activities, and help solicit new Lifetime Members among your colleagues and friends.

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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