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**The Robert S. McNamara Seminar\***  
*Role of Agriculture in Sustainable Development*

**Friday, October 25, 2002**

**9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**U Thant International Conference Hall, 3rd Floor  
United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo**

Scientific breakthroughs in agriculture including the development of New Rices for Africa and Quality Protein Maize are boosting the planet's capacity to feed itself. Every day researchers are on the threshold of further achievements with capacity to benefit the poor. Growth in agriculture holds enormous potential for people living in poverty as 75 % of the poor in developing countries depend on agriculture to survive. Agriculture is the single most important sector in the economies of most developing countries, accounting for up to 50% of gross domestic product.

This is a moment in time when the international community must come together to ensure that advances in agricultural science and technology deliver real and long lasting benefits to people living in poverty worldwide. Achieving food security and alleviating poverty must remain high on the international community's agenda. They are building blocks for peace and prosperity.

This Robert S. McNamara Seminar on the *Role of Agriculture in Sustainable Development* is an opportunity to showcase and encourage international cooperation for the benefit of all.

The Seminar will be an open forum on food, science, technology and the environment. Participants will discuss the role of agriculture in creating growth and

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\* The Robert S. McNamara Seminar is designed to acknowledge the contribution of Mr. Robert McNamara, a founding father of the CGIAR. Mr. McNamara has a distinguished record of public service (serving as U.S. Secretary of Defense and President of the World Bank) and also as CEO of Ford Motor Company. Mr. McNamara has made extraordinary contributions to the creation of public goods. This public forum will be held in Tokyo at the eve of the CGIAR Annual General Meeting of 2002 to take place in the Philippines.

facilitating sustainable development, with particular emphasis on the impact of agricultural research as global public goods.

The Japanese contribution to achieving food security and alleviating poverty and the unique role the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGI AR) plays in generating new knowledge with practical application for developing countries will be highlighted.

The forum will be open to the public and media.

A panel exhibition to showcase the work of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, UNDP, and the CGI AR Centers will support the seminar. All major newspapers and news source agencies will also be invited.

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**Organizer/Sponsors :** CGI AR;  
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**With support of :** The World Bank

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**Language :** English with simultaneous interpretation in Japanese

**Registration :** Please reply your attendance by fax with attached fax reply form to Sasaki, World Bank Tokyo Office at 03-3597-6695.

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*Free admission*

## Draft Program

- 9:30 Opening and Welcome remarks – **Mr. Hans van Ginkel**, Rector, United Nations University
- 9:40 Video Message - **Mr. Robert S. McNamara**
- 9:45 Welcome remarks - **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries**  
*The Japanese Perspective on Achieving Food Security* (tentative theme)
- 9:55 Response and introduction - **Mr. Ian Johnson**, CGI AR Chairman and Vice President, ESSD, World Bank (confirmed)
- 10:05 Keynote Speech - **Dr. M. S. Swaminathan (World Food Prize Laureate)** (confirmed.)  
*Agriculture: Sustainable Development: Past Successes Future Prospects.*
- 10:30 Panel presentation followed by discussion - 4 speakers, 10 minutes each followed by commentary.  
Moderator: **Mr. Francisco Reifschneider**, Director CGI AR (confirmed)

### Panelists:

- **Dr. Masa Iwanaga**, Director General, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) (confirmed)  
*"Impact of Nutritious and Drought Tolerant Maize for the Poor "*
- **Dr. Ronald Cantrell**, Director General, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) (confirmed)  
*"Fruitful Collaboration with Japan "*
- **Dr. Kanayo Nwanze**, Director General, West Africa Rice Development Association (WARDA) (confirmed)  
*"The NERICA Story"*
- **Dr. Tatsuo Hayashi**, President, Africa-Japan Forum (to be confirmed)

Following the panelists' presentation, **Dr. Mutsuo Iwamoto**, Director General, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council Secretariat, **Mr. Hisao Azuma**, Senior Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and **Dr. A. H. Zakri**, Director, the UNU Institute of Advanced Studies, and Co-Chairman, Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, will be invited to offer a commentary on the presentations.

### Questions and Answers

- 12:30 Closing Remarks



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