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In response to letter DARE F. No. 12024/1/2016-DARE (ICCG) dated 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, I **visited** Philippines, to participate in the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) during 13-15 April, 2016. The details are presented in the Deputation Report (Annexure-I), herewith enclosed.

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## Deputation Report of Dr. S. Ayyappan, ABVC, ICAR, New Delhi, on his visit to Philippines during April, 2016

In response to letter DARE F. No. 12024/1/2016-DARE (ICCG) dated 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, visited Los Banos, Philippines, to participate in the Meeting of the Board of Trustees, IRRI, during 13-15 April, 2016.

I participated in the meetings of the Program Committee, Finance Committee, Audit Committee and the Full Board. The aspects of discussion in the meetings pertained to CGIAR issues, GRiSP-RICE update, Strategic areas for Re-investment in Research, Methodologies for measuring adoption and socio-economic impact, IRRI Strategy for Myanmar, Golden rice update, Leveraging Partnerships: A new outlook, Business models for important traits, IRRI Strategic plan, and the reports of the different Committees.

The CGIAR governance is being reorganised as the System Council (incorporating the existing Fund Council and Fund Office) and System Office (Consortium Board and Consortium Office), proposed to be in place from 1 July, 2016. Issues related to the proposal were discussed in detail, as inputs for the decision on the framework transition in May, 2016.

Apart from the above, the new proposal of GRiSP-RICE focusing on new varieties, farming system approach, natural resource management including emissions; higher research investments in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar; and greater emphasis on nutrition including biofortification and golden rice were the highlights of the meeting.

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Atal Bihari Vajpayee Chair 18 April, 2016