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THIS IS A TIMELY PUBLICATION COVERING THE cultural, agronomic, genetic, and gender dimensions of rice. Prof. Gelia Castillo has rightly pointed out how rice is not only life to millions but also the very basis of culture and music of Filipinos.

Benito S. Vergara has done an outstanding job as technical editor. I am particularly happy to read the report on gender and farming systems by Thelma R. Paris and her co-workers, since I started this program at IRRI in 1985. The book also covers important aspects relating to rice breeding, soil and water management, integrated pest management, quality characters, and issues relating to bringing science to the farmers. The final chapter on moving forward provides guidelines for the future.

This publication will be useful to rice scientists not only in the Philippines and Asia, but also the world over. The Philippine Rice Research Institute deserves our congratulations on becoming within such a short time a world leader in rice research, capacity building, and extension. I wish PhilRice continued success in discharging its exceedingly important mandate with distinction.

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