



**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE OF THE AWARDEE OF
THE LUI CHE WOO PRIZE – PRIZE FOR WORLD CIVILISATION 2016
(THE SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE)**



Yuan Longping, rooted in Dean County, Jiangxi Province, was born on 1 September 1930 in Beijing (then known as *Beiping*). He graduated from Southwest Agriculture College, China in 1953, and is currently living in Changsha, Hunan. The Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Foreign associate of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States, and the Director-General of the China National Hybrid Rice Research and Development Center, Yuan is the hybrid rice research and development creator in China and the world's first scientist successfully utilizing heterosis of rice, winning him the honour of "Father of Hybrid Rice".

Developing Hybrid Rice for the Welfare of the People all over the world is Yuan's lifelong wishes. He not only has been endlessly researching the new technology on how to use rice heterosis and enhance rice yield, but also has unreservedly imparted hybrid rice technology to the world to help overcome food shortages and hunger. Since 1980, he has trained more than 3,000 scientists and researchers from about 80 developing countries and has served as a chief consultant to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.

Yuan has made outstanding achievements and received 19 local and international awards and honours, including China's first Special-class National Invention Prize in 1981, first State Supreme Science and Technology Award in 2001, Special-class National Science and Technology Award in 2014, the UNESCO Science Prize in 1987, the World Food Prize and the Wolf Prize in Agriculture in 2004. Yuan's excellent work on hybrid rice has benefited and will continue to benefit more people in the world.