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Dedication:

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It is an honor and a privilege to summarize the great contribution of Professor Longping Yuan, renowned rice breeder and world hunger fighter. As graduate students and assistants, we had the good fortune to work with Professor Longping Yuan, and our admiration for his scientific career and personal character continues to grow. Because China for a long time had a closed-door policy, which was especially severe during the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s, many people still lack an accurate understanding of China and her scientific achievements in agriculture. We hope that this dedicatory chapter honoring Professor Longping Yuan will not only contribute to an appreciation of his special contribution to developing hybrid rice, but will also help explain China's role in advancing agricultural technology.

CHILDHOOD AND EDUCATION

Longping Yuan was born in Peking on September 7, 1930. His father was a staff member in a Railroad Bureau and his mother was a foreign language teacher. As a result of the Sino-Japanese war and the subsequent