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Arthur Yap
Secretary
Department of Agriculture, Philippines

Secretary Arthur C. Yap was appointed as the head of the Department of Agriculture on October 18, 2005, a secretary-level position he holds for the second time. He was the 15th head of the Presidential Management Staff (PMS). His first government job was with the Philippine International Trading Corporation (PITC) of the Department of Trade & Industry in 2001. Thereafter, he served as the Administrator of the National Food Authority, after which was a brief stint as the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. In December 2005, Sec. Yap was appointed Presidential Adviser for Job Creation, which he continues to hold now that he is the Director General of the PMS. Before his appointment as President and CEO of the PITC, Sec. Yap was affiliated with the Yap, Jacinto, Jacob Law Office as Co-Founding Partner. He was also an associate lawyer of two more law firms namely: the Axucna, Yorac, Sarmiento, Arroyo & Chua Law Offices and the Balane, Barican, Cruz & Alampay Law Offices. He was once the National President of the Philippine Association of Paint Manufacturers.

A lawyer by profession, Sec. Yap holds a Juris Doctor's degree at the School of Law of the Ateneo de Manila University. He took up an A.B. Honors Degree in Management and Economics at the same university where he was fortunate to have had President Arroyo as his economics professor.

Robert Zeigler
Director General
International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)

Robert (Bob) Zeigler is an internationally respected plant pathologist with more than 20 years experience in agricultural research in the developing world. Dr. Zeigler assumed his position as IRRI's director general in 2005. Dr. Zeigler had worked as a plant pathologist from 1992 to 1998 at IRRI. During this period, he led the Rainfed Lowland Rice Research Program and the Irrigated Rice Research Program. After graduating in 1972, he joined the Peace Corps and spent two years as a science teacher in the Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa and later joined the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in Colombia as a visiting research associate working on cassava. In 1982 Dr. Zeigler went to Burundi to work for three years as a technical adviser for the African nation's maize program at the Institut des Sciences Agronomiques du Burundi. He then returned to CIAT, eventually becoming the head of the rice program. After six years Dr. Zeigler left IRRI to become professor and head of the Department of Plant Pathology and director of the Plant Biotechnology Center at Kansas State University in the US, before briefly working as director of the Generation Challenge Program of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) based in Mexico.

Dr. Zeigler earned his Ph.D in plant pathology from Cornell University in 1982, his Masters in botany (forest ecology) from Oregon State University in 1978, and his BSc in biological sciences from the University of Illinois in 1972.
