



Dear Dr Martin Kropff,

I am happy to know about CIMMYT50 Celebration and Summit "Food and nutrition security in changing environments: past, present and future". In its first 50 years, CIMMYT (The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center) has done commendable work for improving food security, livelihoods and bringing smiles on the faces of small and marginal farmers around the developing world. CIMMYT and India had a glorious history of partnership for impact on society. We appreciate and acknowledge the efforts and contributions of CIMMYT and Dr Norman E Borlaug efforts for bringing Green Revolution in India. It was great meeting with you and team during your visit to Bihar, India.

I had visited Borlaug Institute for South Asia (BISA) and farmers' fields at Pusa in March, 2016. I was pleased to see the conservation agriculture based research activities carried out at BISA Farm as well as at farmers' field which are directly relevant in addressing the emerging challenges of climate change. Eastern India is standing on the threshold of a Green Revolution and Bihar will lead it because of its distinct advantages of fertile land, water availability, hard working young work force and ability to adapt to modern techniques. However, the climate change is of critical concern for food security for the small and marginal farmers of this region. For this, Farming system perspective must integrate location-specific improved technologies and enterprises. This will be an appropriate approach to the sustainability of agriculture as well as food security. The intensified efforts of CIMMYT through BISA and other programs can play a pivotal role in food & nutritional security, climate change adaptations and improving environmental foot prints.

I congratulate CIMMYT for its 50 year's celebrations and wish you all the success for this endeavour. I look forward for stronger partnerships of CIMMYT-BISA with Government of Bihar in future.

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Nitish Kumar)

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