

US Envoy praises BRRI for food self-sufficiency

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GAZIPUR, APR 17: US Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan Mozena said, he has got the answer from Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) on how Bangladesh has turned into a self-dependent country in food production from the basket case scenario of the past.

He pointed out that because of BRRI, Bangladesh was able to triple its rice production during the last four decades and this has become an example of tremendous socio-economic success in the region. He also added that it has placed Bangladesh at the top of the priority list of US President Barack Obama among the developing countries.

Dan Mozena was addressing a discussion meeting held at the BRRI auditorium after visiting Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) in Gazipur on Wednesday.

Director BRRI Dr Md. Syedul Islam presided over the meeting organized on the occasion. Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture Jomsher Ahmed Khandoker and Bangladesh Representative of the International Rice Research



Dan Mozena

Institute (IRRI) Dr Timothy David Russel were the special guests.

Dr Islam also briefed the ambassador about the latest research achievements including its high yielding rice varieties and other appropriate technologies as well as their impact on the national economy.

BRRI Director (Research) Dr Md Shamsheer Ali and BRRI Director (Admin) Dr Jiban Krishna Biswas also spoke among others.

A very lively and brilliant interactive session was held between BRRI officials and the visiting team members.

Heads of 18 research divisions of the institute, senior BRRI scientists and officials attended the meeting.

Organizers said, the visit programme was arranged as the part of a regular educational activity including exchange of ideas and knowledge in the areas of research and development as well as pleasantries.