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He then spent nine years at the International Water Management Institute in Colombo, Sri Lanka (1995-2005). During that period he was principal investigator on a program with Wuhan University – How to grow more rice with less water.

He also taught a short course once a year (1999-2004) in Agricultural Development to sixty mid—career Vietnamese student in the Harvard-Fulbright Economics Teaching Program in Saigon.

Among his numerous publications the most widely cited is” The Rice Economy of Asia” (Resources for the Future, 1985) co-authored with Robert Herdt. His most recent publication is: “Water Productivity in Context: the Experience of Taiwan and the Philippines over the past half-century” (International Water Management Institute Research Report 145, 2012).

Randy began his academic career at Princeton, received his BS from Cornell in 1953, MS from Oregon State University in 1957 and PhD from Iowa State University in 1960. He is currently “retired” at Cornell but regularly spends two to three months a year doing research in Asia and the Philippines, his second home, where he is IRRI emeritus.