



LAL TEER SEED LIMITED

(The First Research-Based ISO 9001:2015 Certified Seed Company in Bangladesh)



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LAL TEER SEED LIMITED AND BENCHBIO PRIVATE LIMITED TO COLLABORATE ON CROP GENOMICS

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Lal Teer Seed Limited, the largest seed company in Bangladesh is pleased to announce that the company has entered into a long term R&D collaboration with Indian plant biotechnology company, Bench Bio Private Ltd. (BenchBio) to develop new crop varieties using modern science of genomics to benefit the farmers.

The collaboration combines the strong molecular biology and genomics research expertise of BenchBio with the strong team of scientists having plant breeding expertise and knowledge of Lal Teer Seed Limited.



[Signing Ceremony of Collaboration in Crop Genomics between LTSL & BenchBio. In photo Mr. Abdul Awal Minto (Founder Chairman, LTSL), Mr. Tajwar M Awal (Director, LTSL) & Dr. Manash Chatterjee (Founder and Director, BenchBio). Dr. Firoze Shah Sikder (Executive Coordinator), Dr. M A Rashid (Plant Breeder & Horticulturist), Dr. Shahidul Alam (Plant Breeder), Dr. Salina Sultana (Plant Breeder), Ms. Nilufer Akter (Plant Biotechnologist) Mr. Nasim Akber (Agronomist) & Ms. Purba Banerjee (Plant Biotechnologist) of LTSL were also present in the occasion].

The recent development in the field of crop genome and multicrop transformation technology, coupled with existing research capabilities in plant breeding, uniquely position LTSL to research and discover the novel methods and solutions for important traits across multiple crops, to face the challenge of Abiotic and Biotic stresses on crops due to climate change. This is part of LTSL's continued investment and endeavour to induct new technology into agriculture and life science research.

The focus will be on Bangladesh and specifically enabling the development of significantly improved crops for the farmers. The companies will collaborate on a wide range of crop genomics research using BenchBio's next-generation sequencing technology. The long term plan is also to expand the technology into animal genomics.

"This is a unique opportunity to reinforce our long term knowledge in plant breeding and crop science, with the power of high competence in genomics" said Mr. Abdul Awal Mintoo, Founder and Chairman of Lal Teer Seed Limited. "This collaboration will allow Lal Teer Seed Limited to develop innovative products for Bangladeshi farmers" said Dr. Manash Chatterjee, Founder & Director of BenchBio.

About Lal Teer Seed Limited

Lal Teer Seed Limited (LTSL) is the first Research-based and the largest seed company in the private sector of Bangladesh since its inception in 1995. Being ISO9001:2015 certified seed company in the country, it is engaged to develop, produce, process and market high yielding seeds of good quality to develop sustainable foundation of agriculture and food security of the country and the world at large. The company develops high yielding year round nutritious and ecologically sustainable crop varieties to supply to the growers for alleviating the nutritional deficiency of the population of the country. For more information visit <http://www.lalteer.com>

About BenchBio

Bench Bio Private Limited (BenchBio) is an Indian plant biotechnology company and leader in creating varieties using a non-GM method TILLING since 2007. BenchBio is the only Indian company which is using functional genomics using an organisms own genome information and creates novel traits in crops without genetic modification for seed companies world-wide. For more information visit <http://www.benchbio.com>
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