

China sacks three officials for GMO rice test

China has sacked three officials for testing genetically modified rice on children as part of a Sino-U.S. research project, state media said on Thursday.

The officials from the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Zhejiang Academy of Medical Sciences were sacked for violating regulations, scientific ethics and academic integrity, Xinhua news agency said.

The controversial test first came to light when environmental group Greenpeace said a U.S. Department of Agriculture-backed study used 24 Chinese children aged between six and eight to test genetically modified “golden rice”.

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