

China's 'father' of conventional hybrid rice says 'GM is the future'

China's "father of hybrid rice," Yuan Longping, says he is working with researchers on rice that has been genetically modified — a controversial technology but one that might help the mainland meet its agricultural goals.

"GM is the future. We should not generalise about whether it is harmful," Yuan said in a video about food safety posted recently on the news portal Tencent.

But surveys suggest that many Chinese consumers, like those elsewhere, remain skeptical of GM foods, or at least believe they are entitled to know whether the food on their dinner table uses the technology. Existing national regulations call for food packages to list any GM content, although there are no standardized rules on how such information should be displayed.

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