

## Greenpeace calls on Philippines to scrap Golden Rice, claims it provides no vitamin benefits

Insisting on the potential threats of GMOs to human health and the environment, environmental groups urged Philippine Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala to scrap the government's plan to commercialize "golden rice."

Led by Greenpeace, members of the Kasarian-Kalayaan Inc., Southeast Asia Regional Initiatives for Community Empowerment and Sibol ng Agham at Teknolohiya staged a picket in front of the Department of Agriculture (DA) office in Quezon City. The protesters carried baskets of fresh fruits and vegetables rich in beta-carotene, and said Alcala, an organic-farming practitioner and advocate, should consider the potential threats of releasing the genetically modified rice variety currently being field-tested by scientists in the Philippines.

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