

Abstract

This paper studies, assesses and presents the Rice Self-Sufficiency Program under Aquino administration along with knowing the goals of the program, processes of implementing and raising the awareness of the program to open the eyes of the Filipino regarding the status of food security particularly rice and to look for the possible solutions to the problem concerning rice insufficiency. In line with this, the researchers look at the production of rice in selected places in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao particularly in Cavite since the implementation of the program.

Qualitative descriptive method through the use of secondary data and archival data coming from the Department of Agriculture and other rice related institutions and NGOs and an interview were used in this paper. The study revealed that the Philippines is not rice sufficient despite the efforts of the said program because of some other external factors that affecting not only the implementation of the program but also the rice production itself. For this reason, the local government has to think of applicable program to suffice the growing demands of rice in different areas / region.

This paper recommends further studies on rice status of the Philippines along with studying concrete and possible solutions to rice insufficiency of the Philippines despite the experts' view that there is no solution. This paper highly encourages people to pay attention to the rice situation so that consuming rice is more than just eating but must also be seen as a blessing.