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**Ambassador Sibi George's Remarks at the Closing Ceremony  
of the "SIT-IITM-IIITDM-UPM-UMT advanced Project Based  
Learning (aPBL) at Shibaura Institute of Technology (SIT)  
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Respected

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Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen....

A very Good Afternoon to you all !!

It is a great pleasure to be here amongst you on the occasion of  
the Closing Ceremony of the "SIT-IITM-IIITDM-UPM-UMT  
**advanced Project Based Learning (aPBL) "**.

A philosopher once Said " **\*Sharing Knowledge is the most  
Fundamental act of Friendship. Because it is a way you can  
give Something without Losing Something\* "**

It is encouraging to know that Shibaura Institute of Technology (SIT) in collaboration with IITM -IITDM-UPM-UMT is enhancing the prospects of Knowledge Sharing amongst the Faculty and Students of these Universities through **aPBL**

I am glad to learn that SIT has been inviting students from Asia, Europe, South America and North America for short-term or long-term based programs and supporting the students with their Stay during their Project period.

It is informed that during the 2 weeks aPBL Program, the Students get an opportunity to prove their creativity in examining research problems in detail and to solve complex research problems under the close guidance of professors.

You will all agree with me when I say that Knowledge is Power and Knowledge Shared is Power Multiplied. I believe that the global student exchange programs by aPBL in diverse backgrounds is providing such a mega platform and helping multiply the Knowledge Sharing.

Having said that, I must share with you that India has always been a pioneer in the field of Education and Knowledge Sharing.

It is not out of context to state that India is the home to the oldest university in the world- NALANADA UNIVERSITY incepted in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century BC and has been providing higher education to thousands of students from Asian countries .It is also one of the major Universities visited by the Buddha during his lifetime.

Learning was greatly motivated as serving the dual proposes of Practice and knowledge. Students from Sri Lanka, China and Korea, and Indonesia and from all the regions of India came to Nalanda to study.

I am happy to witness, that today, we have many Japanese Universities carrying forward this tradition of inviting Students from abroad and helping disseminate more knowledge in the field of science.

India-Japan bilateral relations, rooted in History, Knowledge and tradition, enjoy a Special Strategic and Global Partnership . Exchange of Knowledge between the 2 nations has always been a priority since ages. Both the countries recognise that, to create a sustainable world for the future, it is extremely important for countries and regions around the world to understand each other's situations and differences, build a sense of mutual trust, and realize social changes through science, technology and innovation.

From a more global perspective, it is important strongly to support excellent young people who are eager to take charge of the next generation in their choosing the path of science and technology, or in promoting innovation that fit the realities of their respective countries and regions.

2022 will mark the 70th anniversary of establishment of our diplomatic relations. As we look ahead at this important milestone, we find ourselves in the midst of a COVID-19 pandemic, which, along with posing several challenges, has also opened up new opportunities for cooperation in areas of Education and Science & Technology.

In today's fragmented, fractured and multi-polar world, the growing convergence in India-Japan partnership on Strategic, Economic and Knowledge Sharing has immense potential to shape a Knowledgeable, Peaceful, Secure and Sustainable world.

I wish all the participant Scholars and their Educators the very best on the Successful completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of aPBL. I hope that the Outcomes of the research Projects undertaken during this program be mutually beneficial to the partner countries.

I Congratulate Team SIT and its stake holders on facilitating such a platform for young students and researchers.

I also congratulate Japan Science and Technology Agency, Japan  
on supporting such Initiatives .

Arigatou Gozaimasu !!