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Good afternoon.

It is my distinct pleasure to be here at NTU in Singapore this afternoon, to be part of the initiation of the NTU-Georgia Tech integrated programmes in infocomm.

This is an opportunity to help us to expand our mission to define the technology research university of the 21st century. Georgia Tech prepares our students to work as part of an international team that shares ideas and resources across the globe. We are thrilled to extend our knowledge and expertise in computing and electrical engineering through this relationship with Nanyang Technological University. By leveraging the world-class faculty, programmes and facilities at both NTU and Georgia Tech, this collaboration will enable computing undergraduates to establish a lifelong learning platform for an international education, research and development.
I’m very proud to be a part of this, and I look forward to welcoming NTU students to our campus in Atlanta and to seeing them succeed in a global environment, in which the flattened world, in Thomas Friedman’s metaphor, becomes a world of international exchange, international learning and international understanding.

And I look forward to strengthening the existing ties between Georgia Tech and NTU, and look to our students who will form the glue that will bond these two universities together, not just today but in the future. And I applaud the wisdom of the Singapore government expressed through IDA in fostering these students by providing financial support that will enable them to experience a true global experience at the highest level in technology relevant to the development of Singapore and relevant to the development of infocomm throughout the world.

So it is my distinct pleasure to be here this afternoon. I look forward to many more such interactions, and I look forward to the success of our students, to the success of our universities, and to the success of this enterprise.