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Distinguished Resource Persons,  
Participants, and,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of a Japanese, who are interested in the progress of JFIT-ICT in Education Programme, May I give you a short message and congratulations to all of you to be leaders in ICT-Pedagogy Integration, which is right now one of the crucial issues in terms of ICT and education trends under the globalization and localization.

At the beginning of the JFIT-ICT in Education Programme started in 2001, UNESCO Bangkok designed and formulated 10 projects, and right now through the evaluation process organized by the Japanese Government and strongly continuous endeavor by the staff at UNESCO Bangkok collaborated with experts in the Asia and Pacific region, these ten projects have been merged into four newly expected projects in 2005.

The ICT-Pedagogy Integration under the teacher training, as I pointed out earlier, has become a top priority, coping with the International and Regional trends in ICT and Education.

I am hoping, or rather I should have told you that I am sure, all of you will complete your tasks with your own sense and interests in this specially and carefully organized Workshop to be leaders in this field and then will become experts or professionals in education itself.

Last but not least, please enjoy your Workshop and beautiful environments here in SEAMOLEC, the center of excellence for open and distance learning in this region and in the world as well.

Thank you for your attention.

(Welcoming Speech by Prof. F Shinohara at the *Opening Ceremony* of the Workshop on ICT-Pedagogy Integration, 6 March 2006, SEAMEO SEAMOLEC, Jakarta Indonesia)