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It's a privilege to be here. As noted I am speaking to you as the associate director for physics at the MPS-Simons Foundation. The Simons Foundation was created by the mathematician and, you could say, financier James Simon to support basic science. And now it is one of the largest private funders of basic research in mathematics, theoretical physics, theoretical computer science and so forth in the US. We at the Simons Foundation are proud to provide financial support to the ICTS and I just want to tell you briefly why. Our job, our mission in the mathematics and physical sciences division of Simons Foundation is to foster excellence in the theoretical sciences radiating from mathematics. I think it's obvious to all of us that the outstanding high calibre of the members of ICTS, the focus that ICTS has in the connections between different areas of science and the key role it plays in forging links between scientists both across India and India with rest of the world, marks ICTS as one of the world's premier institutions in this area. One which is an honor and a privilege for the foundation to support. So I will conclude very briefly here that I congratulate Spenta Wadia and the ICTS on the occasion of the inauguration of their new campus. We all look forward to be part of many years of exciting science to come.