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A very good morning to all present here, to all faculty members and dear students.

I would like to extend, on behalf of my Headmistress too, our heartiest congratulations to Mr R.C. Lakhanpal, Mrs C.P. Lakhanpal, Mr Pankaj Lakhanpal, Mrs Naina Lakhanpal, Mrs Himanshu Charma, to the whole staff for establishing a successful partnership between IISS Galileo Galilei Nardò-Italy and HAPS-Hamirpur-India.

My school is located in the South of Italy, that part called the Land of the Sun, the Sea, and the Wind. I teach at the Liceo Scientifico, where students study Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English, Art and Design, Italian, Latin, Philosophy and History, P.E., R.E., I.C.T. Life skills are an integral part of the school. We have actually active successful partnership with India, Portugal, Spain, Poland, Romania, Turkey. I think our partnership is the outcome of the ceaseless efforts of Mrs Naina Lakhanpal without whose guidance and support it would not have been possible to materialise the programme. We will benefit by our project and the respective communities too.

Developing Global Citizenship is a great title. A Global Citizen is someone who:

- is aware of the wider world and has a sense of his own role as a world citizen;
- respects and values diversity;
- has an understanding of how the world works;
- is outraged by social injustice;
- participates in the community, adds a range of levels from the local to the global;
- is willing to act to make the world a more equitable and sustainable place;
- takes responsibility for his actions.

To be effective Global Citizens, young people need to be flexible, creative and proactive. They need to be able to solve problems, make decisions, think critically, communicate ideas effectively and work within teams and groups.

“Education must be not only a transmission of Culture, but also a provider of alternative views of the world and a strengthener of skills to explore them” (Jerome S. Bruner).

That is the goal of our project and I am sure we will contribute to create from our own a better understanding of the world.

One must never think of two different cultures as two separate things, two islands crossed by a sea, but rather two walls of the same room that are necessary for the room to exist and within which there is an echo that spreads: See them more as essential parts of a whole rather than two split things.

Finally, I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Naina Lakhanpal and all of you to provide us such a great opportunity to visit Him Academy Public School and meet all dignitaries present here along with school faculty and students.

I also thank each one of them to spare valuable time to meet us. I hope these reciprocal units are going to strengthen band between two schools and our powerful Nations too, and will help us to make our partnership long lasting.

Thank you

Prof. Pasquale Mariano