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90 Years Anniversary of SMTU

Respected Professor Krill Rozhdestvensky,

Greetings from India.

I am overwhelmed to know that St Petersburg State Marine Technical University (SMTU) has reached 90 years of renowned service in education and research in Marine Technology. The University has generated highly qualified designers, technologists, marine engineers, naval officers and strategists in naval warfare, not only for Soviet Union but also for several countries. Among them, India was the greatest beneficiary of this University in advanced technology and systems, and also training for the naval architects from Navy and Industries, who came out of this University with masters and doctorates. I am aware that the University worked on advanced concepts such as flying supersonic torpedo in underwater. Such great ideas can only emerge from original thinkers, who always put their country above everything else, including their personal needs.

The system of studies, research and culture of the University are unique and are one level above compared to that of any other University in the world. This view is based on the quality of students and researchers passing out every year. I am aware that some of them have built **Advanced Institutions of Eminence** in Naval Design, Testing and Simulation and also developed world class Systems for the Navy.

I am honoured to receive a honorary Doctorate degree from this great University, which I cherish as a remarkable achievement in my life, having contributed for Indian Naval Systems and **BRAHMOS** as Founder CEO & MD of this Indo-Russian Joint Venture to develop the most advanced Supersonic Cruise Missile, which has been inducted in the three wings of Indian Armed Forces.

On this memorable occasion of celebrating the $90^{\rm th}$ year of SMTU, I wish a great future and look forward to the $100^{\rm th}$ year celebration with naval world assembling at St. Petersburg to honour this world renowned University.

With best regards,

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