PRESS NOTE

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NEDO Delegation Visits SRM *AP* to Explore Quantum Research Collaboration with Japan

A delegation from Japan's New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), based at its New Delhi office, visited SRM University-*AP*, to explore joint research opportunities in and around quantum computing. The discussions centred on applied research collaboration in emerging fields adjacent to quantum computation, including quantum communications and related frontier technologies. NEDO's India leadership met with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ch. Satish Kumar and senior university researchers to examine shared scientific priorities and global research alignment.

Representing NEDO's New Delhi office were Mr Masafumi Senda, Country Head and Region Head of South Asia and Middle East, Mr Toshitaka Omiya, Deputy Chief Representative for South Asia and Middle East, and Mr Dheeraj Kumar Bhardwaj, Representative at the New Delhi office. During the meeting, Prof. Satish Kumar outlined SRM *AP*'s research architecture, interdisciplinary laboratory culture, and long-term scientific goals. The visiting officials in turn explained NEDO's mandate as Japan's primary public research and development management agency and detailed how its New Delhi office coordinates cross-border technology development and global industrial research partnerships across India.

During the campus tour, the delegation visited both the Quantum Reference Facility and the Quantum Research Centre, where they examined experimental systems. Speaking after the visit, Mr Masafumi Senda observed that the campus environment and research infrastructure at SRM University-*AP* are highly conducive to sustained academic study. He was impressed by the university's Quantum Reference Facility. Mr Senda also noted the remarkable number of SRM *AP* graduates currently working in Japan, commending the institutional support the university provides to prepare students for international careers and expressing hope for future collaboration between NEDO and SRM *AP*.

Mr Toshitaka Omiya focused on the Quantum Reference Facility and praised SRM *AP*'s pioneering position in bringing dedicated experimental quantum infrastructure into Indian academia. Hosted on campus as an indigenous, open-access quantum computing testbed, the facility allows hands-on engagement with quantum hardware under real operating conditions. Mr Omiya noted that this capability creates valuable opportunities for students, university researchers, and industrialists across the region to test applications and engage with global quantum standards.

The discussions with NEDO add fresh momentum to the experimental work underway at SRM *AP*'s Quantum Reference Facility and its wider international outreach. By linking campus laboratories directly with global research agencies and technology organisations, the university continues to expand avenues for joint scientific inquiry and industry-aligned training in Amaravati.