

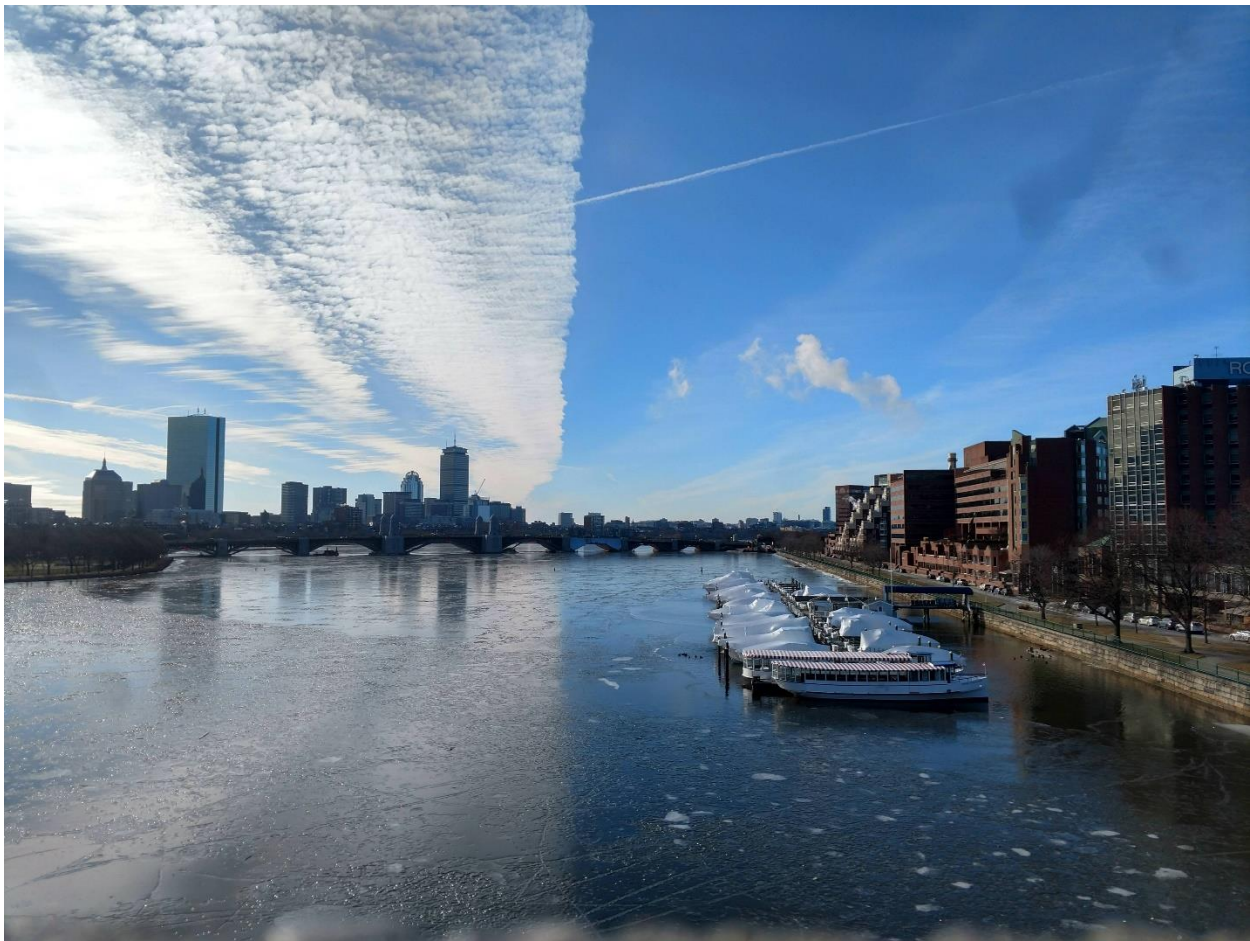


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IAP Experience



During January of 2018, I had the incredible opportunity to participate in the AIP program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology - MIT in Cambridge, MA through the MIT Global Scale Network and Malaysia Institute for Supply Chain Innovation - MISI. This program

brings together professionals of around 130 countries, students, professors, entrepreneurs, in a deeper understanding of Supply Chain Management over the course of three weeks.

The language barrier was not an issue in the classroom since IAP students are expected to speak exclusively in English so that no one is excluded from conversations.



It's difficult to cover all my takeaways from this experience, so I'll just mention a few:

1. Many of the challenges that professors face in the US are also faced by professors across the globe. For example, for any given classroom, there are always students who somehow seem to understand the material even before you teach it, yet there are also students who never seem to remember anything that was previously covered.
2. Learning difficult concepts brings people together. IAP covers advanced topics in SCM. As a result, students end up collaborating with students of the other nationality to overcome obstacles together.
3. We as humans have a tendency to gravitate toward those who are similar to ourselves. Although, MIT act as a mediator and bring the different parts together

in multiple types of activities. This way, we could meet people who have completely different backgrounds and learn from their experience and culture.

4. The technical visits in high standard companies and lectures from industry professionals are some of the best parts of the program. Amazon, Locus Robots, and Walgreens were some from the companies available to visit this year. As well, professionals from Adidas, UPS, and Uber, among others come to share their experience from these companies with us.



As someone who has always been drawn to teaching, I really enjoyed learning how programs like IAP use education as a means to bring people together and make social change. In general, though, I highly recommend participating in IAP program, especially if you're interested in making a network in other parts of the world.