

APCTP Membership Agreement

This Agreement is entered into and effective as of the date of signature by the Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics, Pohang, Korea (hereinafter referred to as "APCTP") and the National Research Council of the Philippines, the Philippines (hereinafter referred to as "NRCP").

Article 1. Purpose

This Agreement aims to promote the cooperation between two involved parties in leading research in theoretical physics, facilitating international collaboration, and contributing to the advancement of physics in the Asia Pacific region.

Article 2. Objectives

The Agreement shall engage in the following objectives in order to achieve the purpose under Article 1 hereof:

- (1) To cooperate in joint research and academic activities in theoretical physics;
- (2) To educate and train physicists, in particular young scientists;
- (3) To support all related research activities in theoretical physics.

Article 3. Member Entity and Obligation

NRCP agrees to become a Member Entity of the APCTP on behalf of the Philippines and its physics community.

- (1) NRCP as a Member Entity shall make best efforts to achieve the objectives under Article 2 hereof.
- (2) The NRCP Physics Division (Division IX) members and stakeholders, shall contribute the fixed amount of the membership due determined by the Board of Trustees. However, the membership due can be reduced by a decision by the Board of Trustees, with 2/3 or more of all Trustees voting in favour.
- (3) NRCP shall nominate a member for the General Council to represent the member country upon request.

Article 4. Benefit

- (1) Scientists in member countries/regions shall receive the benefits of APCTP activities with a higher priority within the limit of APCTP budget.
- (2) NRCP can advise the APCTP on the coordination of its cooperative activities with member countries/regions.

Article 5. Guidelines for Cooperation

The following general guidelines for cooperation will be observed under this Agreement.

- (1) Both parties reserve the inclusive rights of the outcome of any performed research such as data, theses, reports, and any kind of material, and publishing, translating, or reprinting them in scientific or related journals.
- (2) Each of the parties agrees that it will not make use of disseminating, or in any way disclosing any important information of the other party to any person, institute, firm or business without mutual consent.
- (3) Any claims on the Intellectual Property Right under this Agreement shall be settled by amicable negotiation between both parties.

Article 6. Effect of Signature

- (1) Each party signing this Agreement intends that it shall take effect as an instrument under seal.
- (2) This Agreement is valid for three years and will be automatically renewed for successive three-year periods unless either party gives six months' advance notice in writing to terminate the Agreement.

Article 7. Revision

This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent, and the revised Agreement will be in effect from the date of signature.

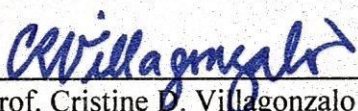
Article 8. Termination

NRCP can secede by notifying its intention to the Executive Director, or by a decision by the Board of Trustees, with 2/3 or more of all Trustees voting in favour.

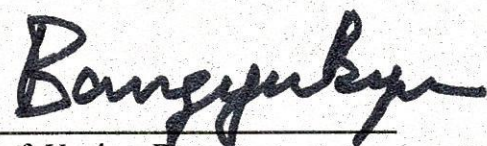
In witness whereof, two parties hereto have executed this Agreement in duplicate as of the date and the year written below.

Date: *March 28, 2023*

Date: *Mar. 21. 2023*



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