

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 Physical Society of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (hereinafter referred to as “PSHK”).

Article 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote the cooperation between the two 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 and mathematical physics;
- (2) To educate and train theoretical and mathematical physicists, in particular, young scientists;
- (3) To support all related research activities in theoretical and mathematical physics.

Article 3. Member Entity and Obligation

The PSHK agrees to become a Member Entity of the APCTP on behalf of Hong Kong and its physics community.

- (1) The PSHK as a Member Entity shall make its best efforts to achieve the objectives under Article 2 hereof.
- (2) The PSHK shall contribute the fixed amount 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 favor.
- (3) The PSHK shall nominate a member for the General Council to represent the member country upon request.

Article 4. Benefit

- (1) Scientists in member countries shall receive the benefits of APCTP activities with a higher priority within the limit of the APCTP budget.
- (2) The PSHK can advise the APCTP on the coordination of its cooperative activities with member countries.
- (3) If the PSHK fails to satisfy its obligation as a Member Entity for more than three years, the corresponding Member Entity may not be provided the benefit.

Article 5. Guidelines for Cooperation

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

- (1) Both Parties reserve the inclusive right 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, disseminate, or in any way disclose any important information of the other Party to any person or institution without mutual consent.
- (3) Any claims or disputes concerning the Intellectual Property Rights under this Agreement shall be settled by amicable negotiation between both Parties.

Article 6. Effect of Signature

- (1) Each Party signing this Agreement intends for the Agreement to take effect from the date of signature.
- (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

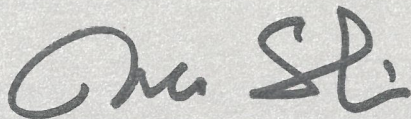
This Agreement may be modified by mutual consent, and the revised Agreement will come into effect immediately upon the mutual signature of both Parties.

Article 8. Termination

The PSHK may terminate its membership by notifying the Executive Director of its intention to secede, or by a decision of the Board of Trustees, provided that 2/3 or more of all Trustees vote in favor.

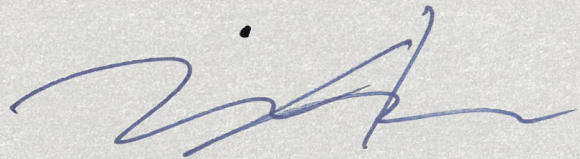
In witness whereof, two Parties hereto have executed this Agreement in duplicate as of the date and the year written below.

Date: April 20, 2026



Misao SASAKI
President
Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics

Date: May 5th, 2026



Wei BAO
President
Physical Society of Hong Kong