

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

between

THE ASIA PACIFIC CENTER FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS (APCTP)

and

THE VIETNAM ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (VAST)

The Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics, hereinafter referred to as “**APCTP**”, an international research organization, located at Hogil Kim Memorial Building #501 POSTECH, 77 Cheongnam-ro, Nam-gu, Pohang-si, Gyeongsangbuk-do, 37673, Korea, represented by its President, **Prof. Dr. Misao SASAKI**,

The Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, hereinafter referred to as “**VAST**”, a national research organization, located at 18 Hoang Quoc Viet, Cau Giay, Hanoi, Viet Nam, represented by its Vice President, **Prof. Dr. TRAN Hong Thai**.

Hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties” or individually as the “Party”,
In accordance with the competence of the Parties, national laws and regulations of their respective countries and international treaties to which each country is a member,

The Parties agree as follows:

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

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

- (1) VAST as a Member Entity shall make best efforts to achieve the objectives under Article 2 hereof.
- (2) VAST 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) VAST 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) VAST can advise the APCTP on the coordination of its cooperative activities with member countries/regions.
- (3) If VAST fails to satisfy its obligation as a Member Entity for more than three years, the corresponding Institute 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 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

VAST 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.

Done in Pohang, Korea on April 20, 2026, in duplicate in English. Each Party keeps one. 

For the
Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics



Prof. Dr. Misao SASAKI
President

For the
Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology



Prof. Dr. TRAN Hong Thai
Vice President