



# Memorandum of Understanding

# Joint Research and Postgraduate Supervision Between

School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences,
Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
&

School of Mathematical Sciences, College of Physical
Science and Technology, and
College of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering,
Xiamen University (XMU), China

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Memorandum") is made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2018 ("Effective Date") between

- the School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Nanyang Technological University Singapore (hereinafter referred to as SPMS-NTU), and
- the School of Mathematical Sciences, College of Physical Science and Technology, and College of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering of Xiamen University (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'NSD-XMU').

which shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as a "Party".

#### **WHEREAS**

The Parties are desirous of jointly pursuing collaborative activities of mutual interest in respect of the areas of co-operation as set out below. The Parties hereby agree to adopt the following Memorandum which sets out the general understanding of the Parties' collaboration.

# Article 1: Joint supervision of CSC-supported PhD students.

- a. Both Parties will work with the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC) to obtain CSC scholarship for students pursuing PhD degree at SMPS-NTU.
- b. Qualified students will register as full-time PhD students at SPMS-NTU, and SPMS-NTU will support the tuition fees for the CSC supported students during their scholarship period.
- c. To facilitate research collaboration between the two parties, SPMS-NTU will invite faculty members from NSD-XMU as co-supervisors, subject to qualification by the College of Graduate Studies, NTU. The students will also spend time at Xiamen University and NSD-XMU will provide support for the travel and allowance for the trips.
- d. SPMS-NTU faculty members may also serve as co-supervisors of graduate students at NSD-XMU, subject to qualification by the NSD-XMU.
- e. The students will be awarded NTU degree after successfully complete their degree requirements.

# Article 2: Research collaboration and staff/student exchange

- a. Both parties will promote research collaboration, as well as faculty and staff exchange between SPMS-NTU and NSD-XMU.
- b. Xiamen University postgraduate students who have met their course requirements at XMU may also apply for CSC support to carry out part of their higher degree requirement at SPMS-NTU. The students will be awarded XMU degree.
- c. Faculty members from both parties are encouraged to serve as examiners for the other party's students.
- d. The faculty members and research staff from both parties may jointly apply for research funding from both countries.

# Article 3: Facilities

- a. SPMS-NTU and NSD-XMU will make facilities mutually available for the visiting staff and students.
- Office space at NSD-XMU and SPMS-NTU for visiting faculty and students.

# Article 4: Amendaments

Parties are entitled to propose amendments to be made to the current Agreement. In order to become effective the amendments must be agreed by both Parties in a joint protocol or memorandum.

The Memorandums signed in English, each in duplicate, all being equally authentic. In case of differing interpretation the Parties will solve it through mutual negotiation.

# Article 5: Period of enforcement

The Memorandum will come into force on the date of signature and is valid for a period of 5 (five) years, unless one Party notifies the other in writing of its wish to terminate the Memorandum at least ninety days prior to the end of a calendar year provided that all existing obligations assumed in terms of the Memorandum will be fulfilled.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed on the date first above written.

Singed by For and behalf of On behalf of

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Prof. Tan Choon Hoon
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