

Memorandum of Understanding
between
Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics (APCTP)
77 Cheongam-ro, Nam-gu, Pohang, Gyeongbuk 37673, Korea
And
Leiden University, more specifically the Leiden Institute of Physics
Rapenburg 70, 2311 EZ Leiden, The Netherlands

The Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics (hereinafter referred to as "APCTP"), located at 77 Cheongam-ro, Nam-gu, Pohang, Gyeongbuk 37673, Republic of Korea,

and

Leiden University, more specifically the **Leiden Institute of Physics** (hereinafter referred to as "LU"), located at Rapenburg 70, 2311 EZ Leiden, The Netherlands,

hereby agree to the following framework to promote academic cooperation and mutual scientific advancement, based on the principles of equality and reciprocity.

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "the MOU") is to establish a framework for cooperation between APCTP and LU. The cooperation may include:

- Joint scientific research activities;
- Exchange of researchers, postdoctoral fellows, and students;
- Co-organization of conferences, workshops, and schools;
- Any other mutually agreed activities.

ARTICLE II. IMPLEMENTATION AND LIAISON OFFICERS

Each institution shall designate a liaison officer to coordinate and promote the implementation of this MOU. All collaborative activities shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the respective countries and institutions.

Changes in the designated liaison officers shall be communicated in writing to the other Party.

ARTICLE III. VISITS AND SUPPORT

Visits under this MOU are subject to the immigration and institutional regulations of the host country. Unless otherwise agreed, the visiting Party shall bear all related expenses, including international travel, per diem, and insurance. The host institution shall make reasonable efforts to provide visiting researchers with office space and assist in securing accommodations. Support may vary depending on funding availability and shall be discussed in advance.

ARTICLE IV. FUNDING AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

This MOU does not obligate either Party to commit specific funding. Collaborative activities are subject to the availability of funds and may be supported by external grants.

Any intellectual property arising from joint activities shall be addressed through separate agreements. Background intellectual property shall remain the property of the originating Party. Intellectual property jointly developed shall be subject to joint ownership under mutually agreed terms.

ARTICLE V. DATA PROTECTION AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

Each Party will comply with all applicable local and national laws and regulations with respect to activity under this Agreement, including law related to anti-bribery, economic sanctions, export control, anti-boycott, privacy and data protection, higher education, and accreditation standards or procedures.

ARTICLE VI. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Parties shall ensure they keep confidential the discussions and all information received by the other party in relation to this MoU or pursuant to it and any proposed collaboration or activity, and not disclose the content of the discussions, or any proposed collaboration or activity, to any third party without the prior written approval of the disclosing party.

ARTICLE VII. NO INTENTION TO CREATE LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

Except for the clause “Confidentiality”, which is intended to be binding, this MoU:

- Is not a legally binding document and simply sets out the intention of the Parties to collaborate in relation to the purpose;
- Does not give rise to any legal relationships between the Parties; and
- Does not create any enforceable right or duties between the Parties.

ARTICLE VIII. VALIDITY AND TERMINATION

This MOU shall become effective on the date of the last signature and shall remain valid for five (5) years, and will be automatically renewed for successive five-year periods unless either Party gives six (6) months' advance notice in writing to terminate the MOU. Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing six (6) months' written notice. Termination shall not affect ongoing projects already in progress, unless otherwise agreed.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS AND LEGAL STATUS

This MOU may be amended by mutual written consent of both Parties. It does not constitute a legally binding contract and does not create legal rights or obligations. Any disputes shall be resolved amicably through consultation.

ARTICLE X. EXECUTION AND COPIES

This MOU is to be executed in duplicate copies in English with each of the copies being equally authentic.

Date: 28 Aug. 2026



Prof. Misao SASAKI
President
APCTP

Date: 28-8-2026



Prof. dr. Sense Jan van der Molen
Scientific Director
Leiden University
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