

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 National Astronomical Research Institute of Thailand, Chiang Mai, Thailand (hereinafter referred to as “NARIT”).

Article 1. Purpose

This Agreement aims 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 Parties shall pursue 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 Institute and Obligation

NARIT agrees to become a Member Institute of the APCTP on behalf of Thailand and its physics community.

- (1) NARIT as a Member Institute shall make its best efforts to achieve the objectives under Article 2 hereof.
- (2) NARIT 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.

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) NARIT can advise the APCTP on the coordination of its cooperative activities with member countries/regions.
- (3) If NARIT fails to satisfy its obligation as a Member Institute 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 all rights to the outcomes of research under this Agreement, including data, theses, reports, and other materials, and may publish, translate, or reprint such materials in scientific or related journals.
- (2) Each of the Parties agrees that it will not disseminate, or in any way disclose, any important information of the other Party to any person, institute, firm or business without mutual consent.
- (3) Any claims on 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 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

NARIT may withdraw from membership by notifying its intention to the Center in writing.

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

Date: 24/2/2026



Prof. Misao SASAKI
President
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Date: 29/1/69



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