

**RESEARCH COLLABORATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**UNIVERSITI MALAYA**

**AND**

**…………………………………………**

**(COMP. REG. NO.:…………………………)**

This **AGREEMENT** is made as of the day of 2024.

BETWEEN

**UNIVERSITI MALAYA**, a public university established under the laws of Malaysia, having its address at Lembah Pantai, 50603 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia which for the purpose of this Agreement is represented by Faculty ………………….. (hereinafter referred to as “**UM**”) of one part;

AND

**……………………**, (Company Registration No.: ………………) a company incorporated under the laws of Malaysia and having its address at ……………………..(hereinafter referred to as “……………….”) of the other part.

**WHEREAS:-**

1. UM shall be conducting research on the …………………………………..
2. UM and ………………… hereafter jointly referred to as collaborating partners have agreed to collaborate specifically for this Project.

**NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

In this Agreement, except insofar as the context or subject matter otherwise indicates or requires, the following terms and expressions shall have the following meanings:

**“Agreement”** shall mean the documents forming this Agreement together with all Schedules and/or Annexures to it, which such documents taken together shall be complimentary of one another;

**“Background Intellectual Property”** shall mean any Intellectual Property rights owned or controlled by a Party either (i) prior to the commencement of this Agreement or (ii) independently and outside the scope of the work performed pursuant to the Project and which is made available by a Party or Parties to carry out the research work in relation to the Project;

**“Confidential Information”** shall mean all information passing from a Party (“Disclosing Party”) to the other Party (“Receiving Party”) in this Agreement relating to the Project, including, without limitation to, (i) financial information, reports or findings, studies, consultations, methodologies, proposals, systems, programs, strategies, improvements, discoveries, innovations, inventions, trade secrets, drawings, know-how, source and object codes, arrangements and agreements with third parties, formulae, concepts not reduced to material form, designs, plans and models whether given orally or in writing (ii) any derivations of any information or data which embodies, contains or describes the Confidential Information, and (iii) any other data or information designated by the Disclosing Party to be confidential or relating to the current or prospective activities or businesses of the Disclosing Party. The Confidential Information shall also include such information or data that may be in the possession of a Party’s employees or management;

**“Intellectual Property”** shall mean all rights in relation to inventions (including patents), registered and unregistered trademarks (including service marks), copyright, circuit layouts, registrable designs, registrable plant varieties, processes, know-how, mathematical algorithm and confidential information in the industrial, scientific and artistic fields, including application or right to apply for registration of any of those rights;

**“Project”** (insert the name of the Project)

**“Project Details”** shall mean the descriptions and details of the Project specified in **Part 1 of Schedule A;**

**“Project Leaders”** shall mean persons appointed by the Parties to lead the collaborative research work in relation to the Project as specified in **Schedule B**;

**“Project Member”** shall mean a member of the Project which consists of representative of each Party as listed in **Schedule B**;

**“Project Milestone”** shall mean the milestones of the Project as specified in **Part 2 of Schedule A**;

**“Project Intellectual Property”** shall mean any Intellectual Property rights arising from or in the course of the implementation of the Project.

**2.** **THE SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT**

2.1 In consideration of and subject to the terms of this Agreement and all applicable laws, UM and ……………. shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Project Details as specified in **Part 1 of Schedule A** and Project Milestone as specified in **Part 2 of Schedule A** of this Agreement.

2.2 The Party/ Parties agree that the implementation of the Project shall at all times be led by the Project Leader and Project Member as specified in **Schedule B**. It is agreed that the service of the Project Leader and the Project Member shall not be terminated, replaced or substituted without the prior consultation and agreement in writing by both Parties.

2.3 The Party/ Parties shall carry out the Project with due diligence and in conformity with sound technical practices and shall act at all times so as to protect the interest of both Party/ Parties.

**3. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AGREEMENT**

3.1 This Agreement shall be effective from date of this Agreementfor a period of **……………. years** or until the completion of the Project, whichever is earlier. This agreement may be extended in writing by both Parties.

3.2 Notwithstanding the effective period of the Agreement as specify under clause 3.1 above, the Project may be terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement.

**4.** **OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES**

4.1 **General Duties**

(a) Each Party/ Parties hereby undertakes to use all reasonable endeavours to perform and enable the other Party/ Parties to perform in time the tasks assigned to each Party/ Parties in the implementation of the Project in accordance to the Project Details and Project Milestones as specified in **Schedule A.**

(b) Each Party/ Parties hereby undertakes to perform the task assigned to each Party/ Parties in proper manner and in accordance with good management practice and shall comply with the present laws and statutes.

(c) Each Party/ Parties hereby undertakes to assist and cooperate with each other in the performance of the Project. Such assistance and cooperation shall include the provision of materials, facilities, data and information as may be reasonably required to satisfactorily perform the Project.

4.2 **Obligations of …………………**

4.2.1 In addition to the general duties, the duties and obligations of …………….. shall be as follows:

1. to prepare the proposal …………………..

(b) to secure and finalise the data for the study;

(c) to ensure that the approval and ethics clearance is obtained from relevant authorities for this study in the respective regional study areas;

(d) to prepare and provide interim report on the progress of the Project to UM on……………………..;

(e) to prepare and provide detailed reports including pictures on the progress of the Project to UM every ……………………;

(f) to write up and submit two (2) scientific paper for publication in a …………… journal;

(g) to recognise the collaborating centre by offering co-authorship(s) of the project to its regional principal investigator(s) and any other person(s) who have constructively contributed to the study; and

(h) to take all necessary and reasonable measures to ensure protection of the voluntary rights of the study subjects and also the authenticity of the data;

4.2.2 UM shall appoint a Project Leader and a Project Members as specified in Schedule **B** for the provision of the Project. It is agreed that the service of the Project Leader and Project Member shall not be terminated, replaced or substituted without the prior consultation and agreement in writing by both Party/ Parties.

4.2.3 The Parties agree that the Project shall at all times be led by the Project Leader and Project Member selected by UM at the recommendation of the Project Leader.

4.3 **Obligations of UM**

In addition to the general duties, the duties and obligations of UM shall be as follows:

## ensure adherence to applicable federal and state laws and regulations and programme guidelines;

1. review and approve all documentation evidencing UM’s performance of services as specified in **Schedule A** and monitor UM’s compliance with the Agreement;

## provide funding and research materials to UM in accordance with the financial arrangement specified in Schedule C and Schedule D;

1. to take all necessary and reasonable measures to ensure protection of the voluntary rights of the study subjects and also the authenticity of the data;

**5.** **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE PROJECT**

5.1 The financial arrangement and schedule for the Project is as specified in **Schedule C** and **Schedule D** respectively.

## 6. CONFIDENTIALITY

6.1 Each Party shall take all reasonable actions to keep confidential all Confidential Information communicated by the Disclosing Party which information is stated or understood to be confidential at the time of communication.

6.2 The obligations of confidentiality contained in this Agreement shall not apply to any Confidential Information which:

(a) has been made public by the Disclosing Party or by others with the permission of the Disclosing Party;

(b) is independently received from a third party who is free to disclose it;

(c) is in the public domain or is a compilation of material in the public domain; or

(d) is required to be disclosed by order of court or any applicable government authority or under any applicable law.

6.3 The following acts shall not be deemed to be a breach of the above provided that all copies of information supplied is marked confidential and to be used only for the purpose supplied:

1. It has necessarily been disclosed by the Receiving Party to its customers or users of the products or to their sub-contractors for use, installation, repair, overhaul or other necessary works on or with the products in connection with the Receiving Party’s current or prospective activities or business; and

(b) Its disclosure was necessary to bona fide sub-contractors and bidders to enable them to perform their contract or make bids to the Receiving Party.

6.4 Upon termination of this agreement, the Parties agree to return all information received from the Disclosing Party at the request of the Disclosing Party and keep confidential for five (5) years after the termination or expiry of the Agreement.

**7. OWNERSHIP OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

7.1 Each Party shall be the owner of all and any existing Background Intellectual Property in existence at the date of this Agreement or any Project Intellectual Property created, developed or reduced to practice solely by the personnel of the respective Party during the period of the Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project IP of the Party”), and subject to this Agreement, each Party agrees not to use any of the Background Intellectual Property or Project IP of the Party belonging to the other Party except for the purpose of this Agreement.

7.2 The Parties acknowledge that the Project Intellectual Property rights may arise from the implementation of the Project. Therefore, the Parties undertake and agree that the Project Intellectual Property is jointly owned by UM and the ………………...

7.3 Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary contained herein, any exploitation of the Project Intellectual Property shall be the subject matter of separate written binding agreements to be negotiated and agreed upon by both parties.

**8. PUBLICATION**

Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary contained herein and subject to Clause 6 (Confidentiality), either Party may publish materials relating to the Project, Provided that:

8.1 All materials prepared for publication by a Party (the ‘Submitting Party”) shall be forwarded to the other Party for written permission to publish at least one (1) month prior to the submission for publication or disclosure to a third party, for which the written permission shall not be unreasonably withheld; and

8.2 If at any time during the said period of one (1) month the other Party requests the Submitting Party not to proceed with the publication or disclosure of the material in the form submitted, then the Submitting Party will either :-

(i) amend the material as requested by the other Party/ Parties ; or

(ii) delay the publication or disclosure until such time as the other Party reasonably deems such publication or disclosure to be possible or appropriate in view of any commercially sensitive information contained therein.

8.3 Clause 8.1 and 8.2 has no application to all or any material submitted for examination leading to the award of a degree.

**9.** **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

The existence of this Agreement shall not prevent either Party from engaging in any other activities similar to or in competition with those of the subject matter of this Agreement, nor shall it prevent an Party from developing or exploiting other services and/or processes, PROVIDED ALWAYS that either Party shall not utilize any Background Intellectual Property belonging to the other Party/ Parties or Project Intellectual Property without obtaining the prior written consent of the other Party/ Parties.

**10. ADVERTISING**

Either Party shall, in making any public statement regarding the Project, or in relation to any information, product, process or invention developed as a result of the Project, as the case may be, include in such public statement, an acknowledgement of the services and cooperation received from the other Party. However, each of the Parties undertakes that it shall not use the other Party name, logo and/or emblem in any such information, product, advertisement or publication without the prior written approval of the other Party.

**11. WARRANTIES**

11.1 The Parties shall ensure that the services and technical assistance provided by both Parties in relation to this Agreement are provided with due care, diligence and skill reasonably expected of professional persons providing services of the kind described. The Parties makes no other warranty or assurances with respect to the services and technical assistance carried out in relation to this Agreement or to its quality, accuracy or suitability for any purpose.

11.2 It is the duties of both Parties, to the best of their knowledge, to ensure that the intellectual property rights related to the Project do not infringe any third party intellectual property rights, to avoid any claims, losses, damages and/or costs suffered in the event of a breach of existing third party intellectual property rights.

**12. LIABILITY**

12.1 Each Party shall not be liable to the other Party for any loss nor damage arising from its failure to perform work on time or within estimated costs, provided that the said Party has used its reasonable endeavours in all respects.

12.2 Each Party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party against all demands, claims, liabilities, loses, damages, legal costs and other expenses of any nature whatsoever, including infringement of any third party intellectual property rights which may be asserted against or suffered by the other Party and which relate to or arise under this Agreement, but excluding any liability to the extent that results from the reckless misconduct or willful default of the other Party.

**13. TERMINATION**

13.1 Notwithstanding the provision of Clause 6, Clauses 7, 8, 9, and 11 shall survive and be of full effect after expiry or termination of this Agreement.

13.2 Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, any Party may terminate this Agreement for any reason whatsoever by giving at least three (3) months prior notice in writing to the other Party and the Party shall consult each other to agree on a reasonable program of work for the notice period leading up to termination date.

13.3 If either Party commits a material breach of this Agreement, the other Party may request in writing that the breach be remedied. If the Party committing the breach does not remedy it within thirty (30) days, then the other Party may terminate this Agreement immediately without further notice.

13.4 The Parties agree that UM may immediately terminate this Agreement by notice in writing to ………… in the following circumstances:

a. the making or filing of any application to liquidate or wind up ……………….. (other than for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation) under any law or government regulation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency whether by a third party or by ………………;

b. the appointment of a receiver or administrator over all or substantially all of the property of ……………..; or

c. the making by ………………… of an assignment or attempted assignment for the benefit of its creditors.

13.5 Any termination of this Agreement pursuant to Clauses 13.3 or 13.4 shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Party terminating to seek and obtain damages for any breach of this Agreement by the other Party.

13.6 Upon termination or expiry of this Agreement, the Parties shall forthwith cease all research works.

13.7 Termination shall not affect any right which either Party has accrued up to and on the termination date.

**14.** **DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

If there is a dispute between the Parties then:

14.1 the Parties must discuss the dispute initially with a view to settling the dispute amicably; then

14.2 In the event that the Parties are unable to agree on any settlement or arrangement, either Party may take the dispute to a court of law.

**15. GENERAL**

15.1 No Party shall assign any or all of its rights under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party.

15.2 This Agreement shall be read and construed according to the laws presently in force in Malaysia. The Parties agree to submit any dispute that may arise in relation to this Agreement to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Malaysia following unsuccessful amicable settlement.

15.3 Any amendment, revision, or change to the terms of this Agreement must be made in writing, mutually agreed on and signed by the Parties.

15.4 Should any provision of this Agreement be held by a Court of law to be unlawful, invalid, and unenforceable or in conflict with any rule, statute, ordinance or regulation, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be thereby affected.

15.5 The parties shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations including, without limitation, the requirements of the Personal Data Protection Data Act 2010. Where a Party discloses Personal Data to the other under this Agreement, the Receiving Party agrees to implement and operate appropriate technical and organizational security measures and only to act on the Disclosing Party’s instructions in relation to that Personal Data.

15.6 Any notice approval, consent, request or other communication under this Agreement will be in writing in the English language and delivered by registered mail to the address or sent to the electronic mail address or facsimile number as the case may be, shown below or to such other address or electronic mail address or facsimile number as either Party may have notified the sender and shall, unless otherwise provided herein, be deemed to be duly given or made when delivered to the recipient at such address or electronic mail address or facsimile number which is duly acknowledged:

**if to UM**

Address : Faculty of …………..

Tel No. :

Facsimile No.:

Email :

Attention :

**If to ………..**

Address :

Tel No. :

Facsimile No.:

Email :

Attention :

15.7 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as establishing or creating a partnership or a relationship of master and servant between any of the Parties hereto or as constituting any Party as an agent or representative of the other Party for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever.

15.8 (a) The waiver by a Party in respect of any breach of a term of this Agreement by the other Party shall not be deemed to be a waiver in respect of any other terms or of any subsequent breach of that term.

1. The failure of a Party to enforce at any time any term of this Agreement shall in no way be interpreted as a waiver of such term.

15.9 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. Any prior arrangements, agreements, representations or undertakings are hereby superseded.

15.10 The Parties shall not be bound by any amendment of or addition to this Agreement except where the Parties have agreed expressly in writing to be so bound.

15.11 (a) If either Party to this Agreement is temporarily unable by reason of *force clause majeure* or the Government intervention to meet any of its obligations under this Agreement, and if such Party gives to the other Party a prior written notice of the event within fourteen (14) days after its occurrence, such obligations of the Party as it is unable to perform by reason of the event shall be suspended for as long as the inability continues.

(b) Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for loss or damage sustained by such other Party arising from any event referred to in sub-clause 15.11 (a).

(c) The term "*force majeure*" as employed herein shall mean acts of God, strikes, lock outs or other industrial disturbance, war, insurrection, riots, epidemics, pandemics, landslides, earthquakes, storms, lightning, floods, civil disturbances, explosions, and any other similar events not within the control of either Party and which by the exercise of due diligence neither Party is able to overcome.

15.12 In this Agreement except to the extent that the context otherwise requires:

(a) words denoting the singular include the plural and vice versa;

(b) words denoting individuals or persons include bodies corporate and vice versa;

(c) headings are for convenience only and shall not affect interpretation;

(d) reference to any document or agreement includes reference to such document or agreement as amended, supplemented, varied or replaced from time to time;

(e) words denoting any gender include all genders; and

(f) where any word or phrase is given a defined meaning in this Agreement any part of speech or other grammatical form in respect of such word or phrase has a corresponding meaning.

15.12 Time whenever mentioned shall be of the essence of this Agreement.

15.13 Stamp Duty & Costs

(a) The stamps duty, if any, on this Agreement, shall be borne equally by the

Parties.

1. The Parties shall bear its own costs and expenses for preparing approving and completing this Agreement.

16. **LIST OF SCHEDULES**

The following Schedules shall form part of this Agreement:

1. Schedule A - Project Details & Project Milestones
2. Schedule B - Project Leader & Project Member
3. Schedule C - Financial Arrangement
4. Schedule D – Payment Schedule

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**IN WITNESS WHERE OF** the Parties have here to caused this Agreement to be signed in their respective names on the day and year first above written.

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| SIGNED for and on behalf of  **UNIVERSITI MALAYA**  ………………………….............................…  **Name:**  Vice-Chancellor  Date: ...............................  In the presence of:  …………………………….............................  **Name:**  Dean, Faculty………… | SIGNED for and on behalf of  **……………………………**  …………………….………...............  **Name:…………………………….**  Designation:……………………….  Date: ...............................  In the presence of:  ………………………………………… |
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**SCHEDULE A**

**PART 1 – PROJECT DETAILS**

**PART 2**

**RESEARCH MILESTONE**

Table : Research Milestone

**SCHEDULE B**

**PROJECT TEAM**

1. **PROJECT TEAM UM**
2. Project Leader :

I/C No :

Address :

Tel/Fax :

Email :

1. Project Member :

I/C No :

Address :

Tel/Fax :

Email :

1. **PROJECT TEAM …………….**
2. Project Leader :

I/C No :

Address :

Tel/Fax :

Email :

1. Project Member :

I/C No :

Address :

Tel/Fax :

Email :

**SCHEDULE C**

**FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT**

**SCHEDULE D**

**ACCOUNT DETAILS**

Payee name :

Account name :

Bank account number :

Bank name :

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**