

國立清華大學
National Tsing Hua University



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Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on the 13th day of January 2012 by and between the following parties:

- i. The National Tsing Hua University, No. 101, Section 2, Kuang-Fu Road, Hsinchu, Taiwan 30013, Republic of China
- ii. The University of Liverpool, an exempt charity, of The Foundation Building, 765 Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L69 7ZX

Collectively referred to as "the Parties" or as the context permits "Party"

The National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) is one of the most prestigious Universities in Taiwan. NTHU initially focused on nuclear sciences, and gradually expanded to include general sciences and engineering. In the past twenty years, the social sciences and humanities, life sciences, information sciences, and management sciences have been added. Today, NTHU has 7 colleges, 17 departments and 24 independent institutes within the university. There are over 633 full-time faculty professors and a student body of more than 12,492, with some 6293 undergraduates, 4015 candidates at Masters level, and about 2184 PhD students.

The University of Liverpool (UoL) was one of the first civic universities in the UK. Founded in 1881 with the establishment of University College Liverpool, the College opened in 1882 with a first intake of 45 students. Today, the University is a member of the prestigious Russell Group with 400 programmes across 54 subject areas. It has over 27,000 registered students and an annual income of more than £360 million, which includes £130 million for research.

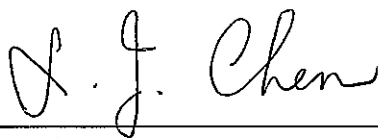
No part of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be legally binding except Clauses 6 to 9.

1. The Parties intend to establish a Memorandum of Understanding for the mutual benefit of both parties. The Parties propose to explore the following areas of co-operation as set out in the clauses below:
 - i. *the exchange of scientific and technical knowledge and materials*
 - ii. *joint research activities*
 - iii. *staff exchanges*
 - iv. *development of a dual PhD*
 - v. *student exchange at graduate level*
 - vi. *other activities of mutual interest*

2. Any mutual projects to be implemented in the context of this Agreement shall be governed by the regulatory frameworks of both Parties and shall be subject to separate formal institutional and programme agreements which have been approved by the appropriate bodies within the two Parties in advance and shall depend on the availability of funds. No guarantee is given that such funds shall be available from either Party.
3. Both Parties shall jointly publish results arising from this co-operation in accordance with usual academic practice. In the event of publication by one Party, the other Party shall be asked to give prior written consent.
4. Both Parties shall be free to use any scientific and technical information created or transferred in the course of the collaborative activities described in Article 1 above for their own research and development purposes. However, any use by either Party of the other Party's background information for research and development purposes shall be the subject of a separate agreement.
5. Each Party shall own all IP which is generated by its staff, students and agents pursuant to this Memorandum. Each Party grants to the other a royalty-free perpetual irrevocable licence to use such IP for their own internal teaching and research purposes.
6. In the event that both Parties are responsible for jointly generating IP, such IP shall be jointly owned in accordance with the inventive contribution made by each Party. If such IP is capable of commercial exploitation neither Party shall exploit without the consent of the other and on terms to be agreed.
7. This MoU and all documents and information provided by one Party to the other Party under, or in connection with the negotiation of this MoU or any subsequent contractual undertakings shall be treated as confidential ("the Confidential Information"). The Confidential Information shall not be used except for the purposes for which it was made available and the Confidential Information shall not be disclosed to any other person without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party.
8. Neither Party will be in breach of any obligation to keep any Confidential Information confidential or not to disclose it to any other party to the extent that it:
 - i. is known to the Party making the disclosure before its receipt and not subject to any obligation of confidentiality to another party; or
 - ii. is or becomes publicly known without any breach of this MoU or any other undertaking to keep it confidential; or
 - iii. has been obtained by the Party making the disclosure from a third party in circumstances where the Party making the disclosure has no reason to believe that there has been a breach of an obligation of confidentiality; or
 - iv. has been independently developed by the Partner making the disclosure; or

- v. is disclosed pursuant to the requirement of any law or regulation or the order of any Court of competent jurisdiction, and the Party required to make that disclosure has informed the other Party whose information it is, within a reasonable time after being required to make the disclosure, of the requirement to make the disclosure and the information required to be disclosed; or
 - vi. is approved for release in writing by an authorised representative of the Party whose information it is.
9. In the execution of this Agreement both Parties shall observe the legislative and regulatory framework in their respective countries.
10. The Managers of this Memorandum are:
- For the National Tsing Hua University: Professor Wang Wei-Chung
For the University of Liverpool: Professor Ahmed Elsheikh
- The Managers will liaise on matters relevant to this Agreement as well as review progress on the collaborative activities covered by this Memorandum on an annual basis.
11. If questions about the interpretation of the provisions of the Memorandum or problems caused by matters not prescribed therein should arise, both Parties shall endeavour in good faith to settle the problem.
12. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid for a period of five years, starting on the date of signing, unless it is terminated earlier by either Party, following three months notice in writing.
13. This Memorandum may be amended by the written agreement of both Parties.
14. Three (3) months before the date of expiration of this Memorandum, the Parties shall consult with each other to consider continuation of this Memorandum.

Signed:



Lih-Juann Chen
President
National Tsing Hua University
Taiwan
Republic of China

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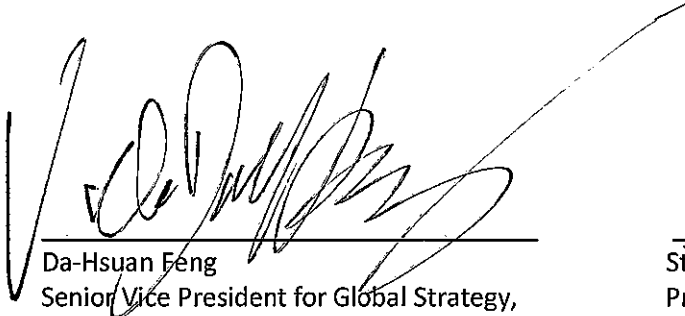
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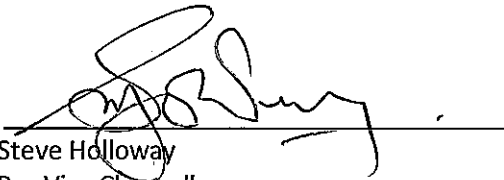
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Date: Friday January 13 2012

Agreement for a Dual PhD Degree between the National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan and the University of Liverpool, England

Academic and Administrative Framework

1. Rationale for the collaborative partnership

- a) This agreement is designed to establish long term research relationships between the National Tsing Hua University (NTHU), Taiwan and the University of Liverpool (UoL) as strategic partners in the global world of knowledge generation and exchange. National Tsing Hua University is one of the top research Universities in Taiwan and The University of Liverpool is a member of the Russell Group of top research Universities in the UK.
- b) The academic leads overseeing the implementation of this agreement will be Professor Wei-Chung Wang, Vice President for International Affairs at the NTHU and Dr Ahmed Elsheikh at the UoL.

2. Facilities and resources

- a) Both institutions are well equipped with laboratories and equipment to undertake the planned research, supported by libraries and electronic access to journals, etc. The exact requirements for each PhD studentship will be provided in each project description. This will also describe the location of the resources required and an agreement by each institution of their use.
- b) Electronic library resources are available at both institutions
- c) The planned number of students under the dual degree structure will start at approximately 2 per year but may rise to 5 per year, contingent on funding and appropriate projects.

3. Academic regulations

- a) Research degrees at the two institutions are regulated by the National Tsing Hua University's Academic Regulations and University of Liverpool's Ordinance 90 (Annexe 1). In order to develop this dual award, a mutually acceptable set of joint regulations has been developed to take account of some differences in the two sets of regulations. The key differences are as follows:

- While the time limits at NTHU are 2-7 years for candidates with a Master's degree, and 3-7 years for candidates without such a degree, the UoL requires that a thesis be submitted for PhD examination within three years of first registration for the degree and by not later than the end of the fourth year of registration.
- Both the NTHU and UoL require PhD candidates to attend and complete a number of taught modules, but the content, timing and weighting of these modules differ between the two institutions. The NTHU has a more substantial module provision (most of which is technical) that is expected to be completed in the first year of study and before commencement of the PhD

research. While UoL requires the completion of 6 weeks of training (most of which is on generic skills) spread over all years of study. Such regulations vary from institution to institution. With equivalent course work taken earlier in other institutions, students may apply for credit exemption up to two-thirds of their total required coursework credits for graduation.

- The two institutions have different regulations governing the examination of students following an initial period of study and prior to allowing them to continue their PhD work. The NTHU qualifying examination concentrates on the student's knowledge of the field of study and ability to undertake independent research. On the other hand, the UoL requires an independent assessment of student research following a minimum of one year of study. To acquire the PhD candidacy, in addition to completing the required coursework credits and passing the qualifying examination, students may need to meet other requirements, such as a successful thesis-work proposal, depending on the detailed regulation of each institution.
- Differences exist between the regulations governing the size and composition of the PhD examination panel. At the NTHU, the panel comprises 5 to 9 members among which one-third or more should be external examiners and supervisors should be the members. At the UoL, the panel comprises one external and one internal examiner, who cannot be one of the supervisors.
- The NTHU regulations allow only a pass/fail outcome of the oral examination. Those who fail in the oral examination may apply for a second oral examination within the aforementioned time limit. If being failed again in the second oral examination, the student will need to leave from the PhD program without a degree. While the UoL allows several possible outcomes including pass, pass with minor or major revision, award of a lower (MPhil) degree and fail.
- The NTHU expects PhD candidates to publish at least two journal papers on their research before submitting their thesis for oral examination. While the UoL expects students to submit work to high ranking scientific journals during their study, there is no formal requirement to delay thesis submission until publication or acceptance of papers has been achieved. Such regulation varies from institution to institution.

b) Under the dual award, the degree of PhD will be awarded by both institutions.

4. Admission to the dual research degree

- a) Students will apply through the normal application procedures of one or other of the two institutions. The applications will be identified as for the dual degree, thus ensuring that there is a coordinated application process (to avoid problems such as being accepted by one institution and rejected by the other). Both institutions will be provided with the appropriate data gathered during the process in order that the student can register at both institutions.
- b) Applicants must satisfy the programme entry requirements as defined in Clauses 4c and 4d.
- c) The NTHU admissions criteria are:
 - Successful completion of the qualifying examination.
- d) The UoL admissions criteria are:
 - A graduate of the University of Liverpool or any other approved University or Institution, or a candidate who holds a qualification deemed by the UoL Senate to be equivalent to an Honours Degree of the UoL.

- e) The offer letter, drafted by the institution at which the student will start, will outline the expected study pattern of the candidate including the expected location(s) of study. Applicant records at both institutions should be established and maintained so both institutions are fully informed of decisions taken. NTHU (UoL) students will spend at least one year at the UoL (NTHU), the timing of which will be outlined in the offer letter. This will ensure that the appropriate documentation is produced by the UoL (NTHU) to enable the student to apply for a visa to enter the UK to study, where appropriate. The offer letter will include details of the fees payable and any additional Research Support Costs (also known as Bench Fees) payable to either or both institution(s).
- f) Students must have an adequate standard of both spoken and written English language by the point at which they register with the UoL (this is the point when their year 1 assessed courses are completed and the research project begins). At this point the language assessment will be made by one of the following mechanisms:-
 - by achieving a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 or a minimum TOEFL IBT score of 88
 - via other mechanisms deemed acceptable to both institutions.

5. Student registration

- a) Students studying for a dual PhD will normally be registered at both institutions on commencement of the dual degree programme and will be entitled to the full range of student services offered by both institutions. Students will be subject to all relevant statutes, ordinances and regulations at both institutions and will confirm their agreement to these at initial registration at both institutions.
- b) The pattern of study defined in the offer letter will be confirmed at initial registration. Where this pattern of study needs to change as the project develops, any change to the pattern of study must be approved by the Programme Management Team (PMT).
- c) Students at either institution will not be considered fully registered until the appropriate fees payments have been made.

6. Induction arrangements

Information to students

Students will be provided with the Post-graduate Research Student Handbook (<http://www.liv.ac.uk/gradschool/pgrhandbook/index.htm>) when they arrive at the Liverpool campus and they will be provided with similar induction documentation by the NTHU.

Induction – roles and responsibilities

- a) It will be the responsibility of the institution at which the student begins their research programme to provide adequate initial induction to the student.
- b) When the student arrives in Liverpool they will undergo the usual induction programme (<http://www.liv.ac.uk/gradschool/Induction/index.htm>), and the Liverpool supervisor will make them aware of the Liverpool induction requirements regarding issues such as the Personal Development Records, electronic library, annual progress reporting, etc.

7. Pattern of study

Location of study and schedule of research activity

- a) The forecast pattern of study will be specified in the project specification for each individual PhD. Students will normally be expected to have completed the taught modules component as outlined in the NTHU's Academic Regulations or the taught modules of an MSc at the UoL. Once this component is successfully completed, and the PhD qualifying examination passed successfully at the NTHU, the student will have four years in which to complete a research project of typical UoL extent and depth, and submit a thesis of up to 100,000 words.
- b) Should the pattern of study require students to be at a location in the UK other than the UoL campus, this should be detailed in the project specification.
- c) Students would normally undertake research on a full-time basis at both institutions. Students from Taiwan (outside the EEA) will have to study on a full-time basis if they enter the UK on a Tier 4 visa. Students from the UK will have to study on a full-time basis if they enter Taiwan on a Resident Visa. The time spent at each institution will be defined at the start of the project and made clear in the offer letter. However, it is appreciated that adjustments may need to be made to this pattern of study as the project develops. Any changes to the initial pattern of study must be agreed by the student's supervisors and the Department/School Director of Postgraduate Research at UoL and their equivalent at NTHU and formally reported to each institution (Clause 7d).
- d) A single reporting process will be developed, based on the UoL on-line system (LUSID and SPIDER).
- e) The student's application and student records need to be established at NTHU and UoL in sufficient time for immigration documentation to be issued.

Immigration issues

- f) Where the pattern of study of the dual PhD programme requires students to spend a period of greater than six months in the UK (primarily on the UoL campus), the UoL will become the student's immigration sponsor under Tier 4 of the UK Border Agency's Points-based Immigration System and will provide the necessary documentation for students to apply for a General Student Visa in good time for their arrival in the UK. Students studying under these arrangements should be located at Liverpool (except as specified in Clause 7b) and are required to study on a full-time basis (or in accordance with the terms of their visa).

8. Financial arrangements

- a) Students will be required to pay the usual fees for a PhD degree at the institution in which they are expected to be studying for a given semester, based on their documented pattern of study. They will never be required to pay fees at both UoL and NTHU for the same period of study.

9. Supervision arrangements

Appointment of supervisors

- a) For the dual PhD award, every student will be assigned at least two supervisors, with at least one supervisor employed by the UoL and at least one supervisor employed by the NTHU. Supervisors must be research active and hold a PhD or equivalent degree that is acceptable to both institutions. Supervisors from the NTHU will be awarded the status of UoL Honorary Supervisors. It is the responsibility of the

academic department based at the UoL to recommend any honorary appointment for approval by the Senate prior to the Human Resources Department issuing a formal letter of appointment.

- b) An equivalent process at the NTHU for approving UoL staff as supervisors will be put in place.

Role of each supervisor within the team

- c) The division of responsibilities within the supervisory team in relation to which party will take on the role of primary and second supervisor and any other supervisory arrangement will vary with each studentship and will be specified in the project specification.
- d) Supervisors at both institutions will undertake such collaboration as necessary for the benefit of the student.

10. Progress monitoring

Personal Development Review (PDR)

- a) Students and supervisors are required to meet regularly to discuss progress, to identify problems and to set targets. At the NTHU, regular meetings will take place with the NTHU supervisor and the action points will be communicated to the UoL supervisor by email or via video conferencing. This should be recorded in some appropriate way by the UoL supervisor. While the student is based at the UoL, the student will complete the PDR process at least ten times per year and agreed action points will be communicated to the NTHU supervisor by email or via video conferencing. This should be recorded in some appropriate way by the NTHU supervisor.

Annual Progress Monitoring (APR)

- b) All students and their supervisors are required to complete the APR process on an annual basis in accordance with the NTHU and UoL timescales.
- c) Access to UoL on-line monitoring system for relevant post-graduate students will be provided for NTHU supervisors and their support staff.

11. Research skills training

- a) Students will be required to undertake an approved programme of additional research skills training whilst they are based at Liverpool and following the initial year of taught modules. The programme of training will be devised by the research supervisors in consultation with the Graduate School Skills Team at the UoL. The programme will include the 3 or 4 day First Year Skills Workshop and possibly a short course on thesis writing for international research students.

12. Approval of special arrangements for students

Suspension of studies

- a) Any request from a student to suspend their studies temporarily should be considered in the first instance by the supervisory team based at both institutions,

and recommendations forwarded to the Programme Management Team (*see Clause 1a under Legal Framework for a description of the PMT*) for approval after consulting with the relevant Faculty Director of Postgraduate Research at the UoL and their equivalent at the NTHU. This is to ensure that decisions are taken consistently across the programme and for all research students in both institutions.

- b) Students should use the UoL online form to request a suspension of studies (or equivalent if agreed to be appropriate).
- c) Retrospective suspensions are not usually permitted. Suspensions of study on medical grounds should be supported by appropriate medical evidence. Suspensions of study are not normally granted for periods of longer than 12 months.

Extension to periods of registration

- d) Students are expected to submit their thesis for examination no longer than 4 years after registration. Extensions to this time period can only be permitted under exceptional circumstances such as serious illness. Any request from a student to extend their studies should be considered in the first instance by the supervisory team based at both institutions, and recommendations forwarded to the Programme Management Team for approval after consulting with the relevant Faculty Director of Postgraduate Research at the UoL and their equivalent at the NTHU. This is to ensure that decisions are taken consistently across the programme and for all research students in both institutions.
- e) Requests for extensions to periods of registration should be made by students using the UoL online form (or equivalent if agreed to be appropriate).
- f) Requests should be made no later than thirty days before the student's last permitted submission date.

13. Thesis examination arrangements

Thesis submission

- a) The UoL procedures for thesis preparation and submission should normally be followed.
- b) The language of the thesis and the oral examination will be English.
- c) A core expectation of dual award PhD students is that their research will be published in international journals in a timely manner. **Students and their supervisors will make their best efforts to publish at least two papers on their work in high ranking journals before submission of the PhD thesis.**
- d) It is agreed that while every effort will be made to achieve publication before thesis submission, it is recognised that the possible delays in the peer review and editorial handling of manuscripts are outside the control of either university. For this reason, if at least one paper has been submitted and publication has not been achieved but the supervisors consider the thesis to be of the required standard, examination of the thesis may be allowed. In such cases, the agreement given by all supervisors and the reasons given to allow examination need to be approved by the Programme Management Team and placed on the student's file.
- e) When ready, paper and electronic copies of the thesis are submitted to the Institution at which the oral is to take place along with a statement on paper submission, acceptance and publication.

Nomination of examiners

- f) An examination panel will be formed to examine each PhD thesis (www.liv.ac.uk/gradschool/forms/index.htm). The panel will comprise:

- One examiner from NTHU, one examiner from UoL, and an additional examiner from the institution at which the examination will take place.
 - Two external examiners, to be agreed by both institutions
- g) An internal examiner based at the institution at which the oral examination is to be held will act as chair of the examination.
 - h) All nominations of examiners should be approved by the heads of the relevant academic departments/schools in the two institutions and follow the normal approval process at each institution.
 - i) The oral examination can be held in either partner institution.
 - j) Any travel costs incurred by internal examiners will be met by the respective academic department at each institution, though it is expected that examiners will attend via tele-conferencing or an equivalent technology. The cost of fees and expenses of the external examiners will be normally shared by both institutions
 - k) The decision to award the degree by one partner institution is not binding upon the other.
 - l) If the examiners conclude that the thesis and examination performance satisfy the requirements for the PhD at one institution but not at the other, then a single degree will be awarded from the institution whose regulations are satisfied. Depending on the examiners' recommendations the other institution can require corrections to be made in order to award their degree.
 - m) The appeals procedure of either institution will be used in the event of an appeal (see paragraph 17 below).

The examination

- n) A supervisor cannot influence either the student's performance in the oral or influence the examiners' decision, i.e. they would be present only as an observer.
- o) Each examiner shall prepare an independent written report before the oral examination. The reports will indicate whether the thesis is of a PhD standard, list minor and major concerns and judge the likelihood of success or failure in the oral. Based on the examiners' reports, the Chair of the Examination Panel will decide whether to proceed to an oral or make the student aware of the concerns raised and request further work and/or thesis modifications before re-submission.
- p) At least three members of the five-member examination panel should attend the oral. Members who do not attend will submit their written review reports on the scientific quality of the final thesis to the Chair of the Examination Panel in advance of the oral.
- q) After the examination, a joint report shall be prepared, including an agreed recommendation.
- r) The examiners may recommend:
 - (i) that the degree of PhD be conferred
 - (ii) that the degree of PhD be conferred subject to the candidate making minor modifications to the thesis, which do not alter the substance of the thesis in any significant or fundamental manner, to the satisfaction of one or more of the Examiners, as may be agreed between them.
 - (iii) that the candidate be permitted to make a subsequent application for the degree of PhD on one occasion only, provided that the application is made not more than one calendar year from the date of the oral examination. A thesis may only be re-presented as the result of a recommendation made in accordance with this provision, and shall be revised having due regard to the Examiners' observations. A second oral examination shall normally be held, but this may be waived at the discretion of the Examiners;

- (iv) that the candidate be deemed not to have attained the standard required for the degree of PhD and that no further opportunity be allowed for examination.

14. Graduation

Degree ceremonies

- a) A dual PhD award will be conferred at the degree awarding ceremonies at both institutions. Students will be entitled to attend both ceremonies.

Degree certificates and transcripts

- b) The dual PhD award will be certified by two separate certificates from each partner institution.
- c) Degree certificates for dual awards will be produced by each partner institution. The student will be presented with their degree certificate at the ceremony at which they attend. If they do not attend in person at either ceremony, it is the responsibility of each institution to post their document to the student's home address.

15. Intellectual Property Rights

- a) Intellectual property arising during the course of the program of study will be owned by the institution at which it arose and this institution will be responsible for its protection. Both institutions will have royalty-free rights to access and use all arising intellectual property with benefits and profits from its exploitation being shared equally between the institutions.

16. Copyright

- a) Candidates for the dual PhD are subject to both Taiwan copyright law and those laws pertaining to UK. Students' attention should be drawn to the UoL's statement relating to copyright in the Post-graduate Research Student Handbook.

17. Complaints and Academic Appeals

- a) Students will be eligible to appeal against decisions made by the Examiners in accordance with the UoL's Regulations for Research Degree Appeals and all procedures will support other appeals processes operating at NTHU.
- b) Any variation to Ordinance 90 (Annexe 1), as agreed and approved by both institutions for the regulation of the dual PhD, will also require approval of any modification to the UoL's Regulations for Research Degree Appeals (www.liv.ac.uk/tgsd/pol_strat_cop/cop_assess/Code_of_Practice_on_Assessment1.htm (Appendix G within the Code of Practice on Assessment)) and any other procedures detailing appeals processes.
- c) Students should use the student complaints procedures available at the institution responsible for the service about which they wish to complain. In the case of any doubt, the NTHU's Student Appealing Committee or UoL's Student Complaints Procedure (<http://www.liv.ac.uk/students/student-administration-centre/policies-procedures/complaints.htm>) may be used.

18. Discipline and Academic misconduct

- a) Candidates will be subject to the rules regulating the conduct of students in both institutions. The NTHU and UoL regulations concerning plagiarism and collusion will apply.

Legal Framework

1. Governance Structure

- a) The collaborative partnership should establish a 'Programme Management Team' (PMT), comprising at least two members from each institution who will direct and manage the partnership. The PMT would normally be chaired by a member of staff from the UoL for at least the first cycle. Each institution would nominate an academic lead contact for the dual programme. The purpose of the PMT is to monitor the effectiveness of the dual PhD programme. Key performance indicators will include information such as thesis completion rates, number and quality of research publications and additional benefits such as follow-up Post-doctoral activities, staff sabbatical exchanges, etc.

2. Duration of agreement and quality assurance and monitoring

- a) This agreement will run for an initial period of five years and will be reviewed every three years afterwards. The agreement will commence on 1st September 2012.
- b) Should the agreement be terminated prior to any student who has not completed their studies, both institutions agree to continue supervision, examination and student support processes until the last student has been examined.

3. Use of the UoL name and logo

- a) The UoL's coat of arms, logo and name are valuable intellectual property rights of the University. NTHU is hereby granted a royalty-free non exclusive licence to use such rights for the purposes of the collaborative partnership only provided that the style of use is consistent with the conditions laid down from time to time by the UoL to protect its reputation, property and interest.

4. Variation agreement and termination provision

- a) Any change to the original signed agreements contained in the completed template will only be valid if the change is made in writing and approved by both institutions. Any change should be appended to this section and dated accordingly.

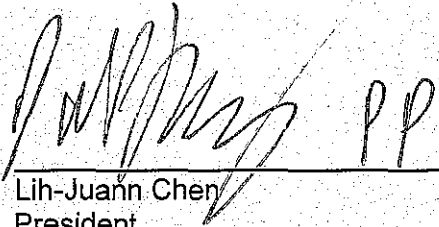
5. Termination of agreement

- a) Either institution may terminate the agreement for convenience by providing a written notice period of no less than twelve months.
- b) Either institution may terminate the agreement with immediate effect by giving notice to their partner if that institution is in breach of any provision within the agreement or if that institution becomes insolvent or goes into receivership.
- c) Should the partnership agreement be terminated under any circumstances prior to any student completing their programme of studies, arrangements should be put in place for students to be able to continue to study towards the dual award.

6. Dispute Resolution

- a) Should a dispute arise between the NTHU and the UoL in relation to the partnership agreement, either institution should make a request to the other, in writing, to hold a meeting in an attempt to resolve the matter amicably. If the meeting does not resolve the dispute the PMT should apply to the Centre for Dispute Resolution in London (CEDR) to appoint a mediator. CEDR processes will then be followed.

Signed on behalf of the National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan

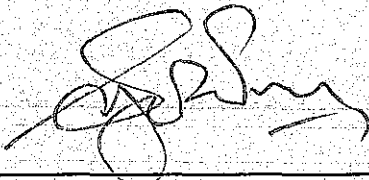
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Lih-Juann Chen
President
National Tsing Hua University
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Signed on behalf of the University of Liverpool

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