



**AGREEMENT ON THE DUAL MASTER'S AND
DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM
between
NATIONAL TSING HUA UNIVERSITY, TAIWAN
and
CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY, THAILAND**

In order to promote student interaction and the diversification of the student population,

National Tsing Hua University (hereinafter referred to as "NTHU"), an institution of higher education headquartered at No. 101, Section 2, Kuang Fu Road, Hsinchu 300044, Taiwan,

and

Chulalongkorn University (hereinafter referred to as "Chula"), an institution of higher education headquartered on Phayathai Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok, 10330 Thailand,

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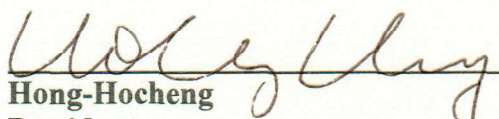
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Faculty of Science Department of Physics	College of Science PHYS, Department of Physics
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