

## Memorandum of Understanding

The Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics (APCTP) and the Institute of Physics, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (IOP, VAST) understand that mutual cooperation is essential for advancement of physics in the South-East Asian region. The two institutions pledge close cooperation to promote theoretical and computational physics, and agree on the followings:

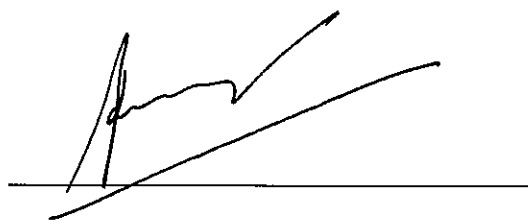
1. The Institute of Physics deeply appreciates a successful role of APCTP in promoting theoretical physics in developing countries, especially in South-East Asia.
2. The Institute of Physics expresses its desire to obtain the assistance and collaboration of APCTP in developing theoretical and computational physics in Vietnam, while APCTP promises to share its expertise with IOP.
3. The two institutions agree to promote the exchange of scientists and organization of scientific activities on theoretical and computational physics.
4. The two institutions are determined to seek an official agreement for extended cooperation in the ASEAN region and designate a liaison officer to administer the agreement.
5. This MOU may be modified by mutual consents. The MOU will be in effect from the date of signature for a period of five years. It will be automatically extended for an additional period of five years at each expiration date, unless either party gives six month's advance notice in writing to terminate the MOU.

Date: April 4, 2009



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