

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

Arnold Sommerfeld Center for Theoretical Physics (ASC),
LMU Munich, Germany

and

Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics (YITP), Kyoto University, Japan

The Arnold Sommerfeld Center for Theoretical Physics (ASC), LMU Munich, Germany, and the Yukawa Institute for Theoretical Physics (YITP), Kyoto University, Japan seek to enhance relations between the two universities by developing academic collaboration and cultural interchange in research, training and other activities.

This MOU is intended to encourage and promote collaboration in physics between Germany and Japan. The fields of cooperation are theoretical physics and related areas.

Within the framework of the regulations applying in each institution, and subject to the availability of resources, the following programs and activities will be encouraged:

- Cooperative activities will be undertaken pursuant to further letters of agreement or funding documents, which may include the following activities: exchange of research staff, exchange of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.
- Joint research activities.
- Joint organization of seminars, workshops, conferences, academic meetings and other similar activities.

The specific areas and details of cooperation within the framework of this MOU shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate authority of each institution prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity. Such matters will be constituted in an addendum to this Memorandum of Understanding.

Both institutions will use their own funds to support this cooperative agreement in accordance with their budgetary possibilities. The host institution will provide assistance in accommodating visiting staff, students and post-doctoral fellows from the partner institution with housing, helping with immigration formalities, and supplying work space, library and other facilities in accordance with local standards. Both institutions may apply for support from their respective authorities if necessary. Nothing in this MOU obligates either party to any financial commitments, and neither party has the right to contractually bind or represent the other party.

Both institutions agree that, in the event of research collaboration leading to patent rights, copyrights or other intellectual property rights, a further agreement must be negotiated in each case in accordance with the policies of both institutions on intellectual property.

Both institutions will submit this agreement for approval by their respective authorities. This agreement shall take effect upon signature by both parties. It shall remain in force for a period of five years. Thereafter it may be reviewed and extended upon agreement by the two parties. Termination of this general memorandum may be effected upon deliberation by the two parties. Either party has the right to terminate the memorandum without liability by giving six months notice in writing. The MOU may be amended upon mutual written agreement by the two institutions.

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