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**Academic Collaboration Agreement between  
City University of Hong Kong,  
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China  
and  
K.I. Satbayev Kazakh National Research Technical University,  
the Republic of Kazakhstan**

This academic collaboration agreement (the “**Agreement**”) is entered into between the City University of Hong Kong (“**CityUHK**”) at 83, Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (“**Hong Kong**”) and the K.I. Satbayev University Kazakh National Research Technical University (“**Satbayev University**”) at 22a, Satbayev Street, 050013, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan.

**Purpose**

In accordance with the signed Agreement in Kazakhstan on 30 November 2023, CityUHK and Satbayev University signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Hong Kong on 17 April 2024 to discuss and explore the possibility of admissions of selected students from Satbayev University to study at CityUHK as Master's Degree students. To further develop the cooperative relationship between CityUHK and Satbayev University, both institutions now wish to enter into this Agreement to govern the implementation of the Master's Degree programme admissions concerned.

**General Conditions**

**I. Enrolments**

1. Satbayev University may recommend up to twenty (20) students every year to CityUHK for its consideration for a period of one (1) academic year.
2. During the period of study at CityUHK, Satbayev University students will be enrolled as full-time Master's Degree (Taught Postgraduate) students in CityUHK once they have been selected and accepted by CityUHK in its sole discretion.
3. After successful completion of degree requirements at both institutions, students will be awarded the Master's Degree by CityUHK and by Satbayev University respectively. Upon completion of all appropriate graduation requirements of CityUHK, graduates will receive an award certificate issued by CityUHK. Upon completion of all appropriate graduation requirements of Satbayev University, graduates will receive an award certificate issued by Satbayev University.

**II. Admission Requirements & Procedures**

CityUHK and Satbayev University agree to make the following arrangements:

1. The first year of admissions may commence from 2025/26 cohort in Semester A (September).

2. Satbayev University will nominate and CityUHK will admit up to twenty (20) students from Satbayev University who have satisfied the requirements set out by CityUHK for its consideration for admission to the selected Master's Degree programmes.
3. Adjustment of student number may be agreed in writing by the parties during the validity period of this Agreement, if needed.
4. Satbayev University will compile a list of the qualified students, in order of preference, who are interested in pursuing postgraduate studies at CityUHK to CityUHK by the application deadline set by the admitting programmes. Final acceptance or rejection will be made by CityUHK as early as possible and usually by the end of June to facilitate smooth arrival of students.
5. The basic requirements for admission to the postgraduate studies at CityUHK are:
  - a. holding a bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification in Artificial Intelligence, Materials Science, Civil Engineering, or Architectural Engineering;
  - b. satisfying the minimum English language proficiency requirements set by CityUHK and/or the admitting programmes; and
  - c. passing interview assessment (optional).
6. Parties concerned will discuss detailed selection criteria separately. CityUHK reserves the sole right to reject applicants that do not meet the admission requirements at its absolute discretion.
7. Satbayev University students should provide true and valid information and documents in support of the application. Provision of any false or misleading information will lead to disqualification of the application and all fees paid will not be refunded.

### **III. Student Conduct & Registration**

1. Each Satbayev University student enrolled in CityUHK shall abide by all the policies and regulations of CityUHK when studying at CityUHK. In particular, students are subject to the standard procedures and regulations governing attendance, examination and all other forms of assessment, personal behaviour and conduct. Students shall also abide by the laws in Hong Kong.
2. Subject to availability, Satbayev University students will have the same benefit of CityUHK student services (whether academic, administrative, or pastoral and welfare support) and facilities (such as student support services, dining, library and computer service usage, sports, and student organisations) as other regular CityUHK students for the duration of their period of enrolment upon payment of the tuition and fees to CityUHK pursuant to clauses IV and VIII below.
3. Satbayev University students admitted to the Master's Degree programmes will not be eligible for participating in any exchange and cooperative programme during the study period at CityUHK.

### **IV. Finances**

1. Students who are awarded a scholarship by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan shall have their tuition fees for the first year at Satbayev University paid in accordance with the scholarship terms; and tuition fees for the last year at CityUHK paid by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Satbayev University acknowledges receipt of funds (the "**Funds**") from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and it shall pay CityUHK the non-local graduate student tuition fee for one year for each student enrolled in the programme at CityUHK with the said Funds.

2. Each Satbayev University student will be responsible for paying his or her own application fee and other student fees as invoiced by CityUHK in accordance with the fees applicable for the relevant academic year.
3. All other costs incurred by accommodation, meals, books, course material, international transportation, visa, insurance and other incidental living expenses are also the sole responsibility of each Satbayev University student enrolled in CityUHK.
4. Satbayev University students admitted to CityUHK under this Agreement will be eligible to apply for relevant awards, if available, for Master's Degree (Taught Postgraduate) students.
5. Each Satbayev University student enrolled in CityUHK is liable to pay for incidental charges which may be levied by CityUHK from time to time (e.g., medical consultation fees charged by university clinic, photocopying).
6. Students are responsible for the payment of any fines or other liabilities which they may incur towards CityUHK during the period of their registration with and study at CityUHK (e.g., library, parking, fine).
7. Each Satbayev University student enrolled in the CityUHK is also responsible for obtaining appropriate travel and medical insurance to include medical evacuation and repatriation. It is the responsibility of the students to obtain and maintain insurance coverage throughout the entire period of their study at CityUHK.
8. The liability of any party for any breach of this Agreement, or arising in any other way out of the subject matter of this Agreement, will not extend to any incidental or consequential damages or losses including (without limitation) loss of profits.

**V. Orientation, Student Services & Student Records**

1. CityUHK shall provide pre-departure information to incoming Satbayev University students. Students admitted to CityUHK will be entitled to take part in new student orientation organised by CityUHK.
2. CityUHK shall maintain records of Satbayev University students with the same personal and academic information tracking as for regularly enrolled students.
3. CityUHK shall assist Satbayev University students in obtaining the appropriate visa for the period of the study at CityUHK. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, each student shall be solely responsible for obtaining the correct visa, passport or other required documents and shoulder any necessary charges to be incurred. CityUHK shall not be liable for the failure on the part of the students to obtain the required visa and travel documents.
4. While CityUHK is not obliged to arrange housing for the Satbayev University students, it will assist Satbayev University students in locating the appropriate housing for the period of the study to the extent possible.
5. When Satbayev University students study at CityUHK, CityUHK shall supervise and manage the students in accordance with the applicable laws and relevant regulations of CityUHK.

**VI. Non-discrimination**

1. Each institution agrees that, in connection with the nomination, evaluation and admission of students to the selected programmes, such institution shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, ethnicity, colour, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, national origin, age or disability.
2. CityUHK undertakes to take reasonable measures to provide appropriate assistance to incoming Satbayev University students who at the time of application have declared any special needs.

## VII. Implementation of the Agreement

1. Each participating department of each institution shall designate one individual to fulfil the responsibility of postgraduate programme candidate coordinator to facilitate information exchanges and performance under the terms of this Agreement.
2. Application instructions and materials will be provided by the academic departments concerned in CityUHK. A list of the designated coordinators under this Agreement is provided below:

Designated Points of Contact in Participating Academic Units:

Satbayev University	CityUHK
Director of T.K. Basenova Institute of Architecture and Construction Contact: Bolat U. Kuspangaliyev b.kuspangaliyev@satbayev.university	Head of Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering (ACE) Contact: Professor Jianguo DAI jiangdai@cityu.edu.hk
Institute of digital equipment and technologies Contact: Acting Director of the Institute of Automation and Information Technologies Yersain Chinibayev y.chinibayev@satbayev.university	Head of Department of Computer Science (CS) Contact: Professor Cong WANG congwang@cityu.edu.hk
O.A. Baikonurov Mining and Metallurgy Institute Department Contact: Kanay Rysbekov k.rysbekov@satbayev.university	Head of Department of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) Contact: Professor Xiaocheng ZENG msehead@cityu.edu.hk

3. Each institution is responsible for taking the appropriate measures at its university to protect the confidentiality and privacy of personally-identifiable information (including the academic and financial aid information) in compliance with its jurisdiction's laws, and its university rules and regulations. Satbayev University is responsible for obtaining all appropriate written consents from applicants and students to enable conveying all information contemplated by this Agreement to CityUHK (and from CityUHK) in accordance with applicable laws of Hong Kong SAR, and the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
4. Either institution may suspend this Agreement by providing six (6) months prior written notice. If either exercises that option, students already studying in or admitted to the CityUHK will be allowed to complete their studies at CityUHK under the terms of the Agreement in effect at the time of their acceptance into the CityUHK.
5. Neither institution shall make any public announcement or press release regarding the existence or contents of this Agreement or otherwise use the name, insignia or symbols of the other, for any purpose whatsoever, without the prior written consent of the other institution. Nothing in this Agreement will establish an exclusive relationship between the parties. Neither party will assign,

delegate, or subcontract this Agreement to any third party without the prior written consent of the other party, and any attempt to do so without such consent shall be void.

6. Anti-bribery and other compliance: Each party agrees that in connection with this Agreement, it will comply with applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws and regulations of the Hong Kong SAR, and the Republic of Kazakhstan. Each party further agrees that it will not offer, promise, or provide (or authorise the offer, promise, or provision of), directly or indirectly, anything of value to any government official, political party official, political candidate, or employee thereof, or to any other third party, for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business or obtaining any illegal benefit or advantage. Each party agrees to comply with other applicable laws in the performance of this Agreement.
7. Notwithstanding the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance (Chapter 623 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or any other similar laws, no one other than a party to this Agreement will have any right to enforce any of the terms in this Agreement. There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement. Without limitation, no student is an intended third-party beneficiary to this Agreement.
8. Nothing in this Agreement establishes a partnership or joint venture between the institutions. Each institution will be solely responsible for payment of all salaries, wages, taxes, insurance, and benefits in respect of its employees. Each institution will be subject to the laws and regulations of its own jurisdiction and the policies of its institution. On reasonable notice and at reasonable times, each institution (or its auditor or other representative) will be granted access to pertinent records maintained by the other, as may be necessary for an institution to comply with its legal or institutional obligations.

## VIII. Financial Arrangement

### 1. Payment Schedule

- 1.1 Satbayev University acknowledges receipt of funds (the “Funds”) from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and it shall pay CityUHK the Master’s Degree (Taught Postgraduate) programme tuition fee for non-local students for one (1) year for each student enrolled at CityUHK with the said Funds. The tuition fee varies each year and will be based on the rate for the year of admission at CityUHK.

For illustration purpose:

Admission to CityUHK	Master’s Degree (Taught Postgraduate) Programme Tuition Fees at CityUHK	Rate Charged to Satbayev University
September 2025 (Academic Year 2025/26)	Rates for 2025: <b>MSc Civil and Architectural Engineering:</b> HK\$7,700 per credit (30 credits) <b>MSc Computer Science:</b> HK\$7,200 per credit (30 credits) <b>MSc Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology:</b> HK\$6,700 per credit (30 credits)	Rates for 2025/26
September 2026 (Academic Year 2026/27)	Rates for 2026: CityUHK will notify Satbayev University of the rates by mid-September 2025.	Rates for 2026/27

- 1.2 Each payment of tuition fee shall be paid by semester in August for Semester A and early January for Semester B of each academic year before the semester starts.

## 2. Payment Procedure

- 2.1 Satbayev University shall make the tuition fee payments to CityUHK using a method mutually agreed by both institutions in writing.
- 2.2 CityUHK will issue an invoice to Satbayev University for the payment of tuition fees respectively, and Satbayev University shall remit payment to CityUHK within thirty (30) days of the invoice date as standard term.
- 2.3 Satbayev University shall provide CityUHK with the payment details, including the transaction reference number, at least five (5) business days before the due date. CityUHK will issue official receipts to Satbayev University after the funds have been received.
- 2.4 All tuition fees shall be made in Hong Kong Dollars (HKD). All payment shall be made free and clear of any deduction. Any exchange difference and bank charges arising from the payment including taxes, exchange rate differences, and any bank charges associated with cross-border telegraphic transfers will be solely borne by Satbayev University.

## 3. Late Payments

- 3.1 In case of payment delay, both institutions will resolve the matter through amicable communication and coordination.
- 3.2 Notwithstanding the aforesaid, CityUHK reserves the right to suspend the enrollment of students or withhold the provision of academic services if any tuition fee payment is more than three (3) months overdue.

## 4. Financial Reporting and Audits

- 4.1. Each institution shall bear their respective taxes and fees.
- 4.2 CityUHK will provide bank transaction details as confirmation of receipt once CityUHK receives payment from SU.

## 5. Adjustment of Fees

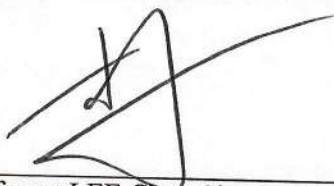
- 5.1 Tuition fees are charged on a credit unit basis and vary for individual programmes. The tuition fee is subject to annual review. Tuition fees for students admitted to CityUHK each academic year will be detailed in an addendum to this Agreement, which shall form an integral part of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Tuition Fees for the first batch of students from Satbayev University (admitted for the 2025/26 Academic Year) has been **attached** hereto as **Appendix I**.
- 5.2 CityUHK will notify Satbayev University of the revised fees as early as possible once the new tuition fees are approved.
- 5.3 If a student withdraws from CityUHK prematurely, the tuition fees and other charges already paid will not be refunded. However, if there are special and reasonable circumstances, Satbayev University must submit a written application. CityUHK reserves the right to decide, at its discretion, whether to refund all or part of the tuition fees and charges.

5.4 According to the regulation at CityUHK, students are required to pay a graduation fee. If a student wishes to take a leave of absence (periods of approved absence may not be less than one full semester and cannot accumulate to more than four semesters), he/she may apply through the CityUHK intranet. Additionally, the student is required to pay a continuation fee of HK\$1,500 per semester to maintain active enrolment.

#### IX. Governing Law and Duration of the Agreement

1. Both institutions shall use good faith efforts to resolve any dispute or claim arising out of or in relation to this Agreement amicably. If the dispute or claim cannot be resolved by amicable negotiations within twenty-eight (28) days, then the institutions agree that (a) all claims or actions, related to, or arising out of this Agreement against Satbayev University or its employees or agents shall be brought only in the courts in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and (b) all claims or actions, related to, or arising out of this Agreement against CityUHK or its employees or agents shall be brought only in the courts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. This Agreement shall be governed and construed under the laws of the location of the sitting court, without regard to principles of conflicts of law.
2. This Agreement will be made in a set of two (2) hardcopies. Each party will keep one copy.
3. The Agreement shall take effect after dually signed by both parties, and will remain in force for five (5) years from the last date of signing unless and until terminated by either institution with six (6) months prior notice in writing.
4. Both parties shall discuss and decide on the continuation or revision of the Agreement six (6) months prior to its expiration.
5. Any party may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving the other institution a written notice if it determines that its continued performance of this Agreement would violate any laws, regulations, policies, or rules applicable to such institution, jeopardize the health or safety of its faculty, students, or staff, or adversely affect its accreditation, licenses, or tax status. This Agreement may only be amended by written agreement between Satbayev University and CityUHK.

Executed for and on behalf of  
City University of Hong Kong



Professor LEE Chun Sing  
Provost and Deputy President

Date: 10 NOV 2025

Executed for and on behalf of  
K.I. Satbayev Kazakh National Research  
Technical University



Erzhan KULDEYEV  
Board member - Vice Rector for Science  
and Corporate Development

Date:

06 OCT 2025

## Appendix 1

### Addendum

This Addendum is an integral part of the Academic Collaboration Agreement between City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK) and K.I. Satbayev Kazakh National Research Technical University (Satbayev University) for the implementation of the Master's Degree programme admissions. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between any provision of this Addendum and the provision of the Agreement, the provision in this Addendum shall prevail.

Tuition Fees for students admitted in 2025/26 Academic Year:

No.	Programme	CityUHK Application No.	Student Name	Total Tuition Fees
1	MSc Civil and Architectural Engineering	59952122	AKHANOVA Dilnaz	HK\$231,000
2		59882103	AMEN Mukhammednazar	HK\$231,000
3		59904382	ASSANBAY Arystanbek Talgatuly	HK\$231,000
4		59912425	KOZHAMZHAR Bolat	HK\$231,000
5		59887147	SARLYBAYEV Zhaiylkan	HK\$231,000
6	MSc Computer Science	59917457	KAIREDENOVA Gulfairus	HK\$216,000
7		59881131	SALISH Daniyar	HK\$216,000
8		59910862	TURSUNKAZHIYEVA Kamila	HK\$216,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>HK\$1,803,000</b>