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To whom it may concern,

UGC Research Impact Fund: Letter of collaboration from the School of Engineering at the Taylor's University, Malaysia

I am writing this letter to express the School of Engineering at the Taylor's University's enthusiastic support to Dr. Cecilia Chan's proposal to the Research Grants Council Research Impact Fund 2019/20. We are delighted to be one of the overseas collaborating partners of Dr. Chan's project impacting on skills development in STEM disciplines across the Asian region.

The missions of our University and School of Engineering are to produce graduates not only as the first choice for leading employers, but also the leaders and innovators of engineering industry. Dr. Chan's project is timely and significant in enabling us to attain our education missions. Our School fully supports Dr. Chan's advocacy of balancing primary academic technical knowledge and generic skills development. Only with such balance can our students become the leaders of the future.

Our School has been providing curriculum and challenges based on world-recognised standards to train our students' academic knowledge, technical know-hows and soft skills demanded the industry. With Dr. Chan's assessment and feedback evidence-based interactive e-system, any higher education institutions overseas, including our School in Malaysia, can conveniently use the online evidenced-based instrument to assess students' skills development and refine the curriculum. Such e-system is truly impactful to the education development in Asia.

Since our School has strong alliance with multinational corporations, we have the network and expertise to support a greater volume of collaborative research beyond academia with Dr. Chan's project. We look forward to collaborate with Dr. Chan and other partners across Asia to benchmark different students, developing the e-system, as well as disseminate innovative pedagogies and curriculum, in order to produce successful leaders and innovators.

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