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## **Memorandum of Understanding**

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Between

National Space Science Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences

And

Chiang Mai University

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**About the International Meridian Circle Program and Joint Space  
Weather Research**

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This **Memorandum of Understanding** (the “MoU”) is made by and between:

(1) **National Space Science Center** (the “NSSC”) of **Chinese Academy of Sciences**, located at NO. 1 Nanertiao, Zhongguancun, Haidian District, Beijing, 100190, China.

NOTE: The headquarters of the International Meridian Circle Program is located in the Huairou Campus of NSSC. Before the official establishment of the International Meridian Circle Program Organization, related matters were handled by the IMCP Secretariat, which is affiliated with NSSC.

(2) **Chiang Mai University**, located at 239 Huay Kaew Rd, Suthep, Mueang Chiang Mai District, Chiang Mai 50200.

The NSSC is hereinafter referred to as a “**Party A**”, Chiang Mai University is hereinafter referred to as a “**Party B**” and jointly as the “**Parties**”.

## **BACKGROUND**

The International Meridian Circle Program (IMCP) is a world-class international cooperation program conducted by a consortium of countries and institutes with the goal of understanding and possibly predicting the impacts of the different sources of natural and anthropic disturbances on the Earth’s space weather and space climate. It achieves these objectives by deploying and operating a network of ground-based research and monitoring instruments along one or several great meridian circles and conducting joint research mainly based on the data produced by this network.

As a matter of principle, all members of the consortium share the goals and implement the means of cooperation briefly described in Appendix A to this MoU. The IMCP is a voluntary international collaboration in science, in which all consortium members adhere to the principle of openness, fairness and progressiveness, and are committed to contribute to the promotion of the UN SDGs.

### **Party A: National Space Science Center**

**NSSC** is a research institution directly under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), dedicated to research in space science and application technology. It is a leading space research institute in China covering space physics, space environment, microwave remote sensing and space engineering technology. NSSC is the scientific and organizational entity leading the Chinese Meridian Project. The Chinese Meridian Project consists of a space environment monitoring network comprising 31 stations and nearly 300 sets of monitoring equipment, arranged in a “#” layout along the 100°E, 120°E meridians and the 40°N, 30°N parallels. It primarily focuses on collaborative monitoring from the Sun’s surface to Earth. The stations and instrumentation of the Chinese Meridian Project listed in Appendix B can be incorporated into the IMCP network and share data within the IMCP framework. NSSC is collaborating with all institutions/organizations that have signed the present MoU to work with them on implementing the IMCP, using the Chinese Meridian Program as its model of cooperation.

The **International Meridian Circle Program** is a consortium of countries and institutes

active in space weather that have agreed to serve the goals and implement the means of cooperation as described in Appendix A. Pending the future creation of one or several Advanced Study Institutes to conduct its operations, the IMCP is an international consortium of independent research entities whose operations are supported by NSSC.

#### **Party B: Chiang Mai University**

Chiang Mai University has a vision to promote frontier sciences, including research on Earth-Space System. The Earth-Space Ecology (ESE) research group at Chiang Mai University aims to develop tools and systems for space weather research in Thailand, as well as to establish a space weather database for preparedness, monitoring, and disaster warning of space hazards. To serve as a central hub for space-related research conducted by highly specialized researchers, we have fostered the creation of internationally recognized research and innovations in the field of space, as presented in Appendix C. Our goal is to position Chiang Mai University as a leading institution for space research globally.

ESE focuses on the study of Earth-Space relations and the impacts from space phenomena on life on Earth. As part of our mission for the nation, we also promote the development of learning materials and the dissemination of space-related knowledge to the general public. This aims to enhance understanding of space physics, space hazards, and astrobiology, inspire young people to take an interest in science, and prepare the global population for the era of the space economy. As detailed in Appendix D, our instruments connect Chiang Mai University's research with the global neutron monitor network, fostering further scientific collaboration.

The two **Parties** have entered into this MoU to collaborate on one or several of the four Pillars of the IMCP described in Appendix A (scientific research, network development, data sharing and dissemination and international networking activities) with the objective of serving the goals of the Program, advancing research on space weather and space climate and maximizing their benefits for all of Humankind and for the protection of the Earth's environment at large.

#### **1. RESPONSIBILITIES**

Party B will use all reasonable efforts to promote IMCP and contribute to its different activities under the coordination of NSSC, such as and not limited to:

- i) engage in bilateral and multilateral cooperation within the framework of IMCP, as well as support and promote the establishment of an international organization for the IMCP;
- ii) carry out joint observations based on their own monitoring facilities;
- iii) explore data sharing;

- iv) support and promote the future planning, development, and deployment of new monitoring facilities;
- v) promote joint space weather research such as joint application for funding projects, collaborative publication of articles, etc;
- vi) support activities related to IMCP, such as hosting and participating in workshops, space weather schools as well as seminars;
- vii) conduct personnel exchanges such as short-term visits, joint training, academic exchanges, etc.

## **2. PERSONNEL**

2.1 The Parties shall ensure the selection of personnel with the necessary skills and competence to take part in the activities under this MoU.

2.2 Each Party personnel shall remain employees of their home institutions, which, as employers, shall each bear exclusive responsibility for the remuneration, social security and insurance of its personnel. Each Party shall indemnify and hold the other Party harmless from any liability in this respect.

## **3. FINANCE**

3.1 Except as otherwise stated in the MoU, Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with this MoU, including the negotiation and finalization of any Agreement.

3.2 Any financial, in-kind or effort contributions related to a project under this MoU shall be formally agreed in an Agreement.

## **4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Any intellectual property to arise from this collaboration should be aligned with the mutual interests of both parties and comply with the laws and regulations of their respective countries.

## **5. DURATION AND TERMINATION**

5.1 This MoU shall enter into effect upon signing of it by both Parties, shall have a duration of 5 years.

5.2 Either Party may terminate this MoU, for any reason, by giving the other Party a written notice six months in advance.

## 6. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to or changes of this MoU shall, in order to be valid, be made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both Parties and shall be clearly stated as amendments to or changes of this MoU, as the case may be.

## 7. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

In any dispute, difference or question between the Parties arising out of or in connection with this MoU the Parties will attempt in good faith to settle it by negotiation.

This MoU has been executed in two (2) originals, of which the Parties have received one (1) each.

National Space Science Center, Chinese  
Academy of Sciences

Chiang Mai University,

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President of Chiang Mai University

## Appendix A.

### IMCP STATEMENT OF GOALS AND MEANS OF COOPERATION

The International Meridian Circle Program (IMCP) is an international research and monitoring program aiming at understanding and possibly predicting the impacts of the different sources of natural and anthropic disturbances on the Ionosphere, Middle and Upper Atmosphere (IMUA), which is the interface with the domain of the Earth's environment dominated by neutral atmosphere processes and the overlying domain of the Earth's environment – ionosphere, magnetosphere and interplanetary space – dominated by magnetized plasma processes. The overarching goal of the IMCP is to quantitatively explore these impacts over a broad range of temporal scales, from minutes or so (with implications for Space Weather) to the multi-decadal scale (with implications for Space Climate). In line with this goal, the research priorities of IMCP include but are not limited to the study of the impact on the Earth's space environment of the main types of disturbances: solar eruptions and other solar disturbances; energy transport and global disturbances in the magnetosphere; secular variations of the geomagnetic field; lower atmosphere weather and climate; variations of the global atmospheric circuit; natural hazards and disasters originating at the Earth's surface, interior and core.

To achieve its research objectives, the IMCP deploys and coordinates a global ground-based network of research and monitoring instruments. Optimally designed to capture the space and time variability of these different processes, the IMCP network consists of several meridional chains of instruments monitoring the IMUA, complemented by additional instruments dedicated to the characterization of the different sources of disturbances described above, starting with monitoring of solar and interplanetary space activity. While each meridional chain aims at achieving a full-latitude coverage of space weather processes, the combination of its different meridional chains provides unique additional longitude and local time coverage. The primary chain is deployed along the 120° E - 60° W longitudes, while a second chain is currently planned to be deployed later, in longitude quadrature with the first one, along the 30° E - 150° W longitudes.

Deployment and operation of the IMCP will involve countries and institutes operating instruments along its meridian(s) who have voluntarily joined the project, adhere to its scientific objectives and agreed to contribute to the development of its **four PILLARS**:

- **Joint research activities** using data from the network;
- **Deployment and operation of instruments** along the IMCP Meridian(s);
- **Exchange of data** and development of data systems in support to IMCP projects;
- **Tools and networking activities enabling international cooperation.**

The IMCP is a voluntary international collaboration in science, whose all partners adhere to the principle of openness, fairness, and progressiveness, and contribute to the promotion of the UN SDGs.

Appendix B: Stations and instrumentation of the Chinese Meridian Project

(<https://www.meridianproject.ac.cn/en/>)

| Ind. | Station       | Obs. Site                         | Phase I                                        | Phase II                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | MoHe          | OMOHE*<br>120.0° E, 53.0° N, 300m | Meteor Radar                                   | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer<br>Middle-upper Atmosphere Wind-Temperature - Metal-Constituents Lidar<br>Wideband Magnetic Field Wave Monitor<br>ULF Magnetic Field Wave Monitor |
|      |               |                                   | Digital Ionosonde                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Manual Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Flux-Gate Magnetometer                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2    | ManZhou<br>Li | OMZLN<br>117.5° E, 49.6° N, 680m  | Overhauser Magnetometer                        | Automatic Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br>Overhauser Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|      |               |                                   | Search Coil Magnetometer                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Flux-Gate Magnetometer                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Search Coil Magnetometer                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3    | ChangChun     | ONOLB<br>117.5° E, 49.6° N, 560m  | Flux-Gate Magnetometer                         | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|      |               |                                   | Search Coil Magnetometer                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Flux-Gate Magnetometer                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Search Coil Magnetometer                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 3    | ChangChun     | ONOLB<br>117.5° E, 49.6° N, 560m  | Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor             | Low Frequency Magnetic Field Wave Receiver<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|      |               |                                   | Flux-Gate Magnetometer                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Search Coil Magnetometer                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|      |               |                                   | Flux-Gate Magnetometer                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

| Ind. | Station | Obs. Site                        | Phase I                                                                                                                                                                | Phase II                                                                                               |
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| 4    | BeiJing | OGZHL<br>124.9° E, 43.9° N, 190m | Digital Ionosonde                                                                                                                                                      | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                         |
|      |         | OYANJ<br>129.5° E, 42.9° N, 400m |                                                                                                                                                                        | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                         |
|      |         | OLONJ<br>129.4° E, 42.8° N, 350m |                                                                                                                                                                        | Mid-latitude High Frequency Coherent Scattering Radar                                                  |
|      |         | OYANQ<br>116.0° E, 40.4° N, 550m | Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR)                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                        |
|      |         | OCXBW<br>116.3° E, 40.1° N, 50m  | Neutron Ray Counter                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                        |
|      |         | OMBLT<br>117.0° E, 40.6° N, 160m | Inter-Planetary Scintillation Telescope                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                        |
|      |         | OXINL<br>117.6° E, 40.4° N       | All Sky Airglow Imager<br>Optical Fabry-Perot Interferometer                                                                                                           |                                                                                                        |
|      |         | OCSSL<br>116.2° E, 40.3° N, 180m | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Manual Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Overhauser Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Meteor Radar<br>Wideband Magnetic Field Wave Monitor |
|      |         | OCHLG<br>116.3° E, 40.1° N, 40m  | Digital Ionosonde                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                        |
|      |         | OHDBD<br>116.3° E, 40.0° N, 50m  | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor<br>Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                      | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor                                                                   |
|      |         | OMXWZ<br>116.9° E, 40.5° N, 120m | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor<br>Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                      | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor                                                                   |

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|      |          |                                  | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor<br>Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor   |  | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor                                                                                         |  |
| 5    | XinXiang | OCBED<br>116.2° E, 40.3° N, 100m | MST Radar                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                              |  |
|      |          | OXIHE<br>117.0° E, 39.7° N, 20m  |                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                              |  |
|      |          | OHRYQ<br>116.7° E, 40.3° N, 70m  |                                                                                     |  | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor                                                                                         |  |
|      |          | OHQRZ<br>116.6° E, 40.3° N, 60m  |                                                                                     |  | Solar Magnetism and Activity Telescope                                                                                       |  |
|      |          | OXXMY<br>113.9° E, 35.3° N, 70m  | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                      |  | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                               |  |
| 6    | HeFei    | OTANC<br>118.3° E, 34.7° N, 110m | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                                  |  |                                                                                                                              |  |
|      |          | OLJGY<br>119.0° E, 35.0° N, 70m  |                                                                                     |  | Solar Full-disk Multi-layer Magnetograph                                                                                     |  |
|      |          | OXYWC<br>108.7° E, 34.4° N, 420m |                                                                                     |  | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                               |  |
| 7    | WuHan    | OBHKD<br>117.3° E, 31.8° N, 20m  | Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR)                                                 |  | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                               |  |
|      |          | OWCWD<br>114.4° E, 30.5° N, 40m  | Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR)                                                 |  | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor<br>Middle and Low Atmosphere Temperature Lidar                                          |  |
|      |          | OCHYA<br>114.1° E, 29.5° N, 70m  | MST Radar                                                                           |  | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor                                                                                         |  |
|      |          | Xiantao                          |                                                                                     |  | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor                                                                                         |  |
|      |          | OWHHP<br>114.5° E, 31.0° N, 50m  | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Digital Ionosonde<br>Meteor Radar |  | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer |  |
| 7    | WuHan    | OENSH<br>109.5° E, 30.3° N, 490m |                                                                                     |  | Flux-Gate Magnetometer                                                                                                       |  |

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| 8    | GuangZhou | OSZZD<br>113.3° E, 31.6° N, 140m |                                                                                                                       | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|      |           | OY1CH<br>113.3° E, 30.9° N, 60m  | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer<br>Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor<br>Geoelectric Field Monitor | Automatic Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br>Proton Precession Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                   |
|      |           | ONCDH<br>115.8° E, 28.7° N, 30m  |                                                                                                                       | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                                                                                                             |
|      |           | OZHQI<br>112.5° E, 23.0° N, 10m  | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer<br>Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor<br>Geoelectric Field Monitor |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|      |           | OSHYA<br>111.5° E, 27.2° N, 300m | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                                                                    | Overhauser Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|      |           | OGZTH<br>113.4° E, 23.1° N, 10m  | Digital Ionosonde                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9    | ShenZhen  | OGZYX<br>113.3° E, 23.1° N, 40m  | Muon Ray Telescope                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|      |           | OSZNS<br>114.0° E, 22.6° N, 20m  | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor<br>Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                     | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|      |           | OZHXX<br>113.6° E, 22.4° N, 30m  |                                                                                                                       | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|      |           | OBOLU<br>114.5° E, 23.5° N, 30m  |                                                                                                                       | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor<br>Digital Ionosonde<br>Meteor Radar<br>Middle and Low Atmosphere Temperature Lidar<br>Middle and Low Atmosphere Constituents Lidar<br>GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor |

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|      |         | OXGJL<br>114.2° E, 22.3° N, 40m  |                                                                                                                                                   | High Frequency Doppler Shift Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|      |         | OHKLH<br>110.4° E, 20.0° N, 20m  | Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR)                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|      |         | ODAZH<br>109.1° E, 19.5° N, 30m  | All Sky Airglow Imager<br>GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>VERY HIGH FREQUENCY COHERENT<br>SCATTERING RADAR<br>Digital Ionosonde | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Triple-Station Incoherent Scattering Radar<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer<br>Array Large Aperture Lidar<br>Thermosphere Sounding Rocket<br>Ionosphere Sounding Rocket |
| 10   | HaiNan  | OSAYA<br>109.6° E, 18.4° N, 50m  |                                                                                                                                                   | Triple-Station Incoherent Scattering Radar                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|      |         | OLEDO<br>109.0° E, 18.4° N, 60m  | Manual Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Overhauser Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                              | Wideband Magnetic Field Wave Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|      |         | ODFNG<br>108.8° E, 19.2° N, 50m  |                                                                                                                                                   | Low-latitude High Frequency Coherent Scattering<br>Radar<br>GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                                                      |
|      |         | OQIZH<br>109.9° E, 19.0° N, 230m | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                                                                                                | Overhauser Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|      |         | OWCHG<br>110.8° E, 19.6° N, 20m  |                                                                                                                                                   | Triple-Station Incoherent Scattering Radar                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|      |         | OHKQS                            |                                                                                                                                                   | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| 12   | ChongQing | 110.4° E, 20.0° N, 10m            |                                                                                                                       |  |          |                                                                                                                                                                   |
|      |           | OLANX<br>119.6° E, 29.3° N, 30m   | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                                                                    |  |          | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                                                    |
|      |           | OCQSP<br>106.4° E, 29.5° N, 270m  | Digital Ionosonde                                                                                                     |  |          | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                                                    |
| 13   | QuJing    | OZHY1<br>103.7° E, 25.7° N, 2020m | Incoherent Scattering Radar                                                                                           |  |          |                                                                                                                                                                   |
|      |           | OKMGD<br>102.8° E, 25.0° N, 1930m |                                                                                                                       |  |          | Solar Disk Chromosphere Telescope                                                                                                                                 |
|      |           | OBINC<br>100.6° E, 25.6° N, 2040m |                                                                                                                       |  |          | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Meteor Radar<br>Digital Ionosonde<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager |
| 14   | ChengDu   | OPIXI<br>103.9° E, 30.8° N, 560m  | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer<br>Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor<br>Geoelectric Field Monitor |  |          |                                                                                                                                                                   |
|      |           | OPUJI<br>103.6° E, 30.3° N, 480m  |                                                                                                                       |  |          | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Digital Ionosonde<br>Meteor Radar                                                                               |
| 15   | Lhasa     | OLSCG<br>91.0° E, 29.6° N, 3630m  | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                                                                    |  |          | Overhauser Magnetometer<br>Automatic Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br>Proton Precession Magnetometer                                                               |
|      |           | ODXYB<br>90.5° E, 30.1° N, 4290m  |                                                                                                                       |  |          | MST Radar<br>Millimeter-Wave and Infrared Imager                                                                                                                  |

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|      |              |                                   |         |  | Atmosphere Wind-Temperature Lidar                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 16   | MingAnT<br>u | ONQSN<br>92.4° E, 31.7° N, 300m   |         |  | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Digital Ionosonde<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer<br>Meteor Radar                                                       |  |
|      |              | OXLHT<br>116.1° E, 43.9° N, 4520m |         |  | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
|      |              | OMANT<br>115.3° E, 42.2° N, 1370m |         |  | Meter-Decimeter Wave Radio Heliograph<br>Decimetric Wave Solar Radio Spectrometer<br>Centimetric Wave Solar Radio Spectrometer<br>Inter-Planetary Scintillation Telescope<br>Centimeter-Decimeter Wave Radio Heliograph |  |
|      |              | OYHGL<br>115.1° E, 44.7° N, 1160m |         |  | Inter-Planetary Scintillation Telescope                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
|      |              | OWRGT<br>113.1° E, 43.5° N, 1080m |         |  | Inter-Planetary Scintillation Telescope                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 17   | WeiHai       | OWHWD<br>121.8° E, 37.2° N, 110m  |         |  | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Digital Ionosonde<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer<br>Meteor Radar                                                       |  |
|      |              | ODLZS<br>112.8° E, 39.6° N, 140m  |         |  | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                                      |  |

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|      |                  | ORoch<br>112.3° E, 36.8° N, 50m   |         | Metric Wave Solar Radio Spectrometer                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 18   | XiaMen           | OXMJM<br>118.1° E, 24.6° N, 20m   |         | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|      |                  | ONANA<br>118.5° E, 25.0° N, 40m   |         | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|      |                  | ONNX<br>108.5° E, 22.8° N, 90m    |         | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 19   | NanNing          | OGLDC<br>110.4° E, 25.4° N, 160m  |         | Meteor Radar<br>Digital Ionosonde<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer<br>GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                            |
|      |                  | OQZQB<br>108.7° E, 22.1° N, 20m   |         | MST Radar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 20   | BaYinGu<br>oLeng | OHEJI<br>83.7° E, 42.9° N, 2510m  |         | Mid-latitude High Frequency Coherent Scattering<br>Radar<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager                                                                                                                       |
|      |                  | OKERL<br>86.3° E, 41.6° N, 890m   |         | Meteor Radar<br>Digital Ionosonde<br>GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 21   | Hohhot           | OSIZW<br>111.9° E, 41.8° N, 1440m |         | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Mid-latitude High Frequency Coherent Scattering<br>Radar<br>Muon Ray Telescope<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager<br>Low Frequency Magnetic Field Wave Receiver |

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|      |           | OTYJY<br>112.5° E, 37.7° N, 700m                                           |         | Flux-Gate Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 22   | YinChuan  | OHLAN<br>106.1° E, 38.8° N, 1470m<br><br>OXINQ<br>106.3° E, 38.5° N, 1110m |         | Automatic Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br>Overhauser Magnetometer<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer<br><br>GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                   |
| 23   | JiaYuGuan | OJIYG<br>98.2° E, 39.8° N, 1720m                                           |         | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Automatic Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br>Overhauser Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer<br>Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor |
|      |           | OHUTB<br>87.0° E, 44.4° N, 440m                                            |         | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer<br>Low Frequency Magnetic Field Wave Receiver                                                                                                                |
| 24   | Urumqi    | OQIMO<br>85.5° E, 38.1° N, 1250m<br><br>OWLMQ<br>87.2° E, 43.5° N, 2080m   |         | Search Coil Magnetometer<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Overhauser Magnetometer<br>Automatic Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br><br>Middle-upper Atmosphere Wind-Temperature Lidar                                   |
| 25   | Kashgar   | OJSHI<br>76.8° E, 39.5° N, 1450m                                           |         | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer<br>Meteor Radar<br>Digital Ionosonde                                               |

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| 26   | LanZhou | OKSHI<br>75.8° E, 39.5° N, 1310m  |         | Proton Precession Magnetometer<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer<br>Overhauser Magnetometer<br>Automatic Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite                                                                                                         |
|      |         | OYUZH<br>104.1° E, 36.0° N, 1960m |         | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Digital Ionosonde<br>Dual-Channel All Sky Airglow Imager<br>Dual-Channel Optical Interferometer<br>Meteor Radar<br>Low Frequency Magnetic Field Wave Receiver<br>Middle-upper Atmosphere Wind-Temperature Lidar |
|      |         | OGERM<br>94.9° E, 36.4° N, 2800m  |         | Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 27   | GanZi   | OBATA<br>99.1° E, 30.0° N, 3000m  |         | Proton Precession Magnetometer<br>Automatic Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br>Overhauser Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer                                                                                                         |
|      |         | ODACH<br>100.2° E, 29.0° N, 3830m |         | Circular Array Solar Radio Telescope                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 28   | LiJiang | OYULO<br>100.0° E, 26.7° N, 3200m |         | Spectral Imaging CoronaGraph                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|      |         | OSHJI<br>100.0° E, 23.5° N, 1060m |         | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|      |           |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                    | Very High Frequency Coherent Scattering Radar                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 29   | Ali       | OLJGC<br>100.2° E, 27.0° N, 3130m |                                                                                                                                                                    | Overhauser Magnetometer<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
|      |           |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                    | GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor<br>Proton Precession Magnetometer<br>Automatic Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br>Overhauser Magnetometer<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer<br>Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor |  |
|      |           | OGAER<br>80.1° E, 32.5° N, 4410m  |                                                                                                                                                                    | Dual-Wavelength Fabry-Perot Interferometer<br>All Sky Aurora Imager                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|      |           |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                    | Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 31   | Antarctic | OZHSH<br>76.4° E, 69.4° N, 10m    | Aurora Spectrometer<br>VHF Coherent Scatter Radar<br>Digital Ionosonde<br>Manual Magnetic Fluxgate Theodolite<br>Flux-Gate Magnetometer<br>Overhauser Magnetometer | Atmospheric Electric Field Monitor                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
|      |           |                                   |                                                                                                                                                                    | Absolute Flux-Gate Magnetometer Search Coil<br>Magnetometer<br>Search Coil Magnetometer<br>GNSS Ionospheric TEC and Scintillation Monitor                                                                                                         |  |
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|      |         |           |         | Whistle Wave Monitor<br>Digital Ionosonde |

### **Appendix C: ESE STATEMENT OF GOALS AND MEANS OF COOPERATION**

The Earth-Space Ecology (ESE) research group at Chiang Mai University, Thailand, leads collaborative efforts in studying space weather and cosmic rays through ground-based observations and their impact on Earth-space ecology. The group actively partners with various international research institutes to advance knowledge in particle physics, cosmic rays, atmospheric physics, space weather, and Earth-space ecology. One of the group's key projects is THIMON (Thailand-Hawaii Neutron Monitor), a three-tube standard NM64 neutron monitor developed at Chiang Mai University. This initiative has received substantial support, including a donated spare shipping container from Shinshu University and electronic boards and a rack from the University of Delaware.

We strongly support a global ground-based network of research and monitoring instruments. Our facilities will serve as additional tools to tighten the development and discovery in Space Physics, Particle Physics researches. We therefore adhere to the agreement on collaboration of the **four PILLARS**:

- **Joint research activities** using data from the network;
- **Deployment and operation of instruments** along the IMCP Meridian(s);
- **Exchange of data** and development of data systems in support to IMCP projects;
- **Tools and networking activities enabling international cooperation.**

With our strong support for the international collaboration in science, we adhere to the principle of openness, fairness, and progressiveness.

## **Appendix D: Instrumentation of Chiang Mai University**

### **1. Changvan Neutron Monitor:**

Changvan is a semi-leaded neutron monitor designed and developed by Chiang Mai University as part of an initiative by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn to enhance cosmic ray and space weather research in Thailand. The project is led by Prof. Waraporn Nuntiyakul from Chiang Mai University (CMU), who serves as the Principal Investigator (PI).

### **International Collaboration**

The development and deployment of Changvan are part of Thailand's collaboration in polar science with **China's Arctic and Antarctic Administration** under the State Oceanic Administration. The partnership includes:

- Scientific exchange between Thai and Chinese researchers.
- Joint studies on climate change, biotechnology, and space weather.
- Support for Thai scientists participating in Chinese Antarctic Research Expeditions.
- Conservation efforts to protect the pristine Antarctic environment.

### **2. THIMON:**

THIMON (Thailand-Hawaii Neutron Monitor) is a three-tube standard NM64 neutron monitor developed by Chiang Mai University. The project benefited from generous contributions, including a spare shipping container from **Shinshu University** and electronic boards and a rack from the **University of Delaware**. Designed for high mobility and adaptability, THIMON is capable of functioning in various environments, ranging from high-altitude observatories to remote research locations.

### **International Collaboration**

THIMON was originally designed to detect solar neutrons, making the Haleakalā site in Hawaii an optimal deployment location. To support this effort, we collaborated with Prof. Veronica Bindi from the **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM)** for site coordination and placement. In addition to studying solar neutrons, we plan to integrate THIMON into a latitude survey project, similar to the mobile Changvan neutron monitor, which features a comparable design. Our long-term vision includes deploying THIMON on a U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker to conduct measurements in polar regions when suitable opportunities arise.

### 3. Station of Chiang Mai University

(<https://www.cmu-gnss.science.cmu.ac.th>)

| Ind. | Station | Obs. Site                                                   |
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| 1    | CMU01   | Chiang Mai, Thailand<br>98 57 18.9 E, 18 48 07.94 N, 305.8m |