**Legal Commitment for Using the MSDS Dataset**

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The Deep Learning and Vision Computing Lab created the Multimodal Signature and Digit String (MSDS) dataset for research in handwriting verification. To ensure the correct and legal use of the MSDS dataset (hereinafter “Dataset”) and prevent incidents such as data leakage, the User intends to enter into this Legal Commitment. The User is willing to be legally bound and promises to be subject to the following terms of use:

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5. The User is required to list 1-2 of the publications in recent 6 years to indicate that he/she (or the team) do research in the related research fields of OCR, handwriting verification, handwriting analysis and recognition, document image processing, etc. in the application form.
6. The signature of the leader and the official seal of the institution (university, research institute, related department in the company, etc.) to which the User belongs must be provided; otherwise, the application will be rejected.
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