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## Invitation to the study

**Project title: Animation as a Means in HeritageBot: Robot Assisting in Classical Gardens**

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*You are being invited to participate in a research study. Before you decide whether to participate, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and feel free to ask us if you would like more information or if there is anything that you do not understand. Please also feel free to discuss this with your friends, relatives and doctor [where relevant] if you wish. We would like to stress that you do not have to accept this invitation and should only agree to take part if you want to.*

*Thank you for reading this.*

### **About the project**

The project is about how to build up an IT system with interfaces to better support visitors' culture knowledge and social skills experience. The focus of the project is the intangible culture heritage in Suzhou area. This project will target several stakeholders of intangible culture heritage, for example professionals in museum, representative successors, and lay visitors. The methods that will be used are qualitative research such as observations, interviews and review of documents, movies and quantitative research such as questionnaire.

You have been chosen to take part of the project because we are interested in your experiences with the intangible culture heritage in Suzhou area. Your views, experiences and comments will be studied. No other sensitive materials such as personal information will be included on this research.

### **About your participation**

The interview, photos, videos will be recorded by means of digital audio and video recording and transcriptions. Access to your original transcripts, and to any recorded material, will be limited to the research conducting the research. Under no circumstance will any transcripts, recorded material or any other material resulting from these datasets that may identify the interviewer be given to an outside body or agency.

Any transcripts and recorded material will be kept until the research is completed, and thereafter destroyed.

The researcher may quote or paraphrase materials obtained through any material in his/her writing. When doing so, if the participant has requested anonymity (see Restriction #1 below). If the participant has requested anonymity no information that may identify the participant or his or her affiliations shall be used in any writings. Any given names for individuals and companies shall be replaced with fictitious ones that bear no resemblance to the real name and only gender and age will be listed.

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The participant may reserve the right to edit or withdraw the participation (see Restriction #2 below). If this restriction is ticked, the participant will receive a material of the whole documents, or the part of it that is deemed relevant, as soon as a material exists. If this is the case, only the parts of the participation that has been approved can be used at later stages in the project. Upon receipt of a material, the participant should notify the researcher whether he/she approves the material, or request changes. If the participant does not approve the materials, or if there is no agreement about how to change the content of the material, the participation is declared withdrawn and shall not be used for any intent or purpose.

### **Reimbursement**

Your participation will be entirely voluntary.

### **Risk and benefits**

There is no risk to participate this project. And you will get benefits from our study about the intangible culture heritage in Suzhou area. And you will be the first user of our designed prototype.

### **What if you are unhappy or if there is a problem?**

*"If you are unhappy, or if there is a problem, please feel free to let us know by contacting Yushan Pan, [Yushan.Pan@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:Yushan.Pan@xjtlu.edu.cn) and we will try to help. If you remain unhappy or have a complaint which you feel you cannot come to us with then you should contact the Chair of the University Ethics Committee on [ethics@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:ethics@xjtlu.edu.cn). When contacting the University Ethics Committee administrators, please provide details of the name or description of the study (so that it can be identified), the researcher(s) involved, and the details of the complaint you wish to make."*

### **Your rights during conducting the project**

Before the project is conducted, two signed copies of this agreement should exist. One is kept by the participant, the other by the researcher.

By signing below, the participant affirms that he/she has explained the conditions of the participation, as described in this information letter, as well as the nature and purpose of the research project the participation will be used to elucidate.

By signing below, the participant affirms that he/she have read the above, and has consented to participate the project, with the following restrictions (Tick with the symbol "v" all that applies. Use the symbol "o" if restrictions don't apply.):

\_\_\_ (Restriction #1: Anonymity) All direct quotes and all paraphrased material must be anonymized. In the project writings and in any other public and/or scholarly presentations derived from the material obtained by means of this participation.

\_\_\_ (Restriction #2: Withdrawal) Materials of the participants shall be presented to the participant. The participant reserves the right to request changes to be made to the material, or to withdraw the participation if no agreement over changes is reached.

Should any of the above signatories have questions concerning their rights in this research initiative or as human subjects, they may contact the principle investigator Yushan Pan, [Yushan.Pan@xjtlu.edu.cn](mailto:Yushan.Pan@xjtlu.edu.cn).

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