FORM 2. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Good day My name is Maryam Asda . I was born on May 15, 2007. I started my high school studies in 2021 and graduated in 2024 from the 13th Secondary School. I am very passionate about technology and programming, and I am interested in how innovation can change people's lives. From my early years in high school, I discovered my strong interest in programming, even though my school did not have many technical resources. Instead of giving up, I downloaded programming applications on my phone and computer and started learning by myself. This experience made me more confident, independent, and responsible for my own learning.

I chose to study in South Korea because it is one of the most advanced countries in technology and programming. Korea is not only a leader in technology but also has a rich culture and history. What inspires me the most is the hard work and determination of Korean people, and I try to follow these values in my own life. I believe that studying in Korea will help me grow academically and personally, not only through classes but also by interacting with people and being part of an international environment.

During the online learning period, I noticed how education changed and how students adapted to technology. When we returned to school, my interest in technology became even stronger. I became more curious about how digital tools and software can make learning more creative and effective. This experience inspired me to explore programming more and think about how technology can improve education and connect people together.

Other experiences also inspired me to choose this field. I worked with a group to make a small application to record daily tasks and remind users about them. I felt that using technology to make life easier is amazing, and it also helps people understand technology better. We also designed our graduation project—from covers to invitations—and it was exciting to create something different and share our creativity with others. These experiences made me realize that I want to create projects that help my country and people in general through technology.

I am also amazed by how programming languages can turn ideas into real and great things. I want to continue learning, especially to learn the Korean language, because it will allow me to communicate freely, express myself, and interact deeply with others in a language that is not my mother tongue. I believe that studying in Korea will make a big difference in my life, not only in technical knowledge but also through new cultural and language experiences. I think learning Korean and programming together will help me grow and open new opportunities for the future.

Despite the challenges I faced at school, I always looked for ways to improve my skills. I designed small projects and logos, which helped me develop my technical abilities. One of my most important experiences was representing my school in a national-level practical lesson during my second year of high school. I was chosen among the best students to present research and creative work. Preparing and presenting this project improved my confidence, teamwork, and presentation skills, which are essential for university life.

Besides studying, I participated in volunteer work and school events. These activities taught me responsibility, teamwork, and how to learn from mistakes. I also enjoy reading, drawing, technical design, and playing chess. Chess taught me patience, logical thinking, and planning, which I consider very important for a future software engineer. I was recognized with academic excellence certificates in mathematics and awards for discipline and volunteering. All of these experiences motivated me to reach higher levels and keep improving myself.