**Legal Commitment and Usage Agreement**

**for the CIRI Dataset**

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    Shipeng Zhu, Hui Xue, Na Nie, Chenjie Zhu, Haiyue Liu, Pengfei Fang. *Reproducing the Past: A Dataset for Benchmarking Inscription Restoration.* In: Proceedings of the ACM International Conference on Multimedia (ACM MM), 7714-7723, 2024.
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    This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the People’s Republic of China.

****Acceptance of Terms****

**I, the undersigned, on behalf of myself and the Institution, warrant that I have the authority to bind the Institution to this Agreement. I have read, understood, and agree to comply with all the terms and conditions contained herein.**

****Signature of User:**** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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