**Chapter one General Provisions**

Article 1 This article of association is formulated to establish a world-class cryptography and artificial intelligence research group driven by enterprise application, guarantee rights and interests of the enterprise and its members, and standardize the organizational operation mode based on the balance of interests of various parties.

Article 2 It is a non-profit organization registered and established in accordance with national laws with the website as follows: <https://martislab.org/>.

Article 3 The organization aims to build strong links for global and international cooperation, and establish the cryptography research group driven by enterprise application by taking enterprise demands as the drive and young research talent support as the objective so as to achieve mutual profits between enterprises and talent researchers. In terms of enterprises, the organization helps to conduct research & development on specific projects in the field via professional academic groups so as to reduce their scientific research costs. Further, the communication between enterprises and academic talents will be strengthened, which could improve reputation of enterprises to some degree. In terms of its members, the organization will provide reliable academic communication platforms for research talents, which can not only build a bridge for talents in the field to exchange thoughts and trigger inspiration, but offer scientific research opportunities and guidance to inexperienced undergraduates and postgraduates. Meanwhile, the organization establishes an open and flexible platform for domestic cryptography research so as to enhance academic exchange and technology prosperity in the field.

Article 4 The founding team consists of researches from colleges and universities, including  the Southern University of Science and Technology, Renmin University of China, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, University of Birmingham, University of Newcastle, University College London (UCL) and Norwegian University of Science and Technology. The members include professional researchers in the cryptography field, such as doctoral candidates etc.

Article 5 The organization is jointly governed by the fund committee and the executive committee.

**Chapter Two Basic Principles**

Article 6 The following principles shall be followed based on the goal of respecting researches:

(I) Optional anonymity principle; researchers can choose whether to conduct anonymous researches;

(II) Six-month cooperation period; researchers can join or exit the organization flexibly;

(III) Independent principal investigator system; researchers are responsible for their own directions without any control from investors;

(IV) Researchers shall be involved in negotiation of issues related to copyright prior to researches.

Article 7 The following principles shall be followed based on the goal of respecting project investors:

(I) Optional anonymity principle; investors can choose whether to proceed open funding;

(II) Six-month cooperation period; investors can join or exit the organization flexibly;

(III) The right to be informed and make suggestions in regard to project funding;

(IV) Project investors shall be involved in negotiation of issues related to copyright prior to researches.

**Chapter Three Organizational Structure**

Article 8 The organization sets up the fund committee and the executive committee, which are composed by designated personnel that are fixed in principle. The main responsibilities are as follows; the fund committee: obtain grants or donations from enterprises; make fund allocation plans; formulate macro objectives of scientific research output; the executive committee: evaluate the completion of projects; coordinate with project undertakers.

Article 9 The organization covers several branch fields related to computer and cryptography etc. Each branch field has a leader. The main responsibilities are as follows; undertake or assign projects related to this field; conduct proper guidance to members in the field; the leader is the principal of projects when participating in projects directly.

Article 10 Members can choose branch fields to participate in scientific researches in accordance with their wills.

**Chapter Four Operation Mode**

Article 11 The fund committee will raise funds from enterprises etc, then obtain and evaluate their research and development demands.

Article 12 The executive committee will analyze the feasibility and completion of projects, and assign projects to specific researchers after acquiring demands.

Article 13 The project principals will negotiate with investors about copyright, anonymity and transparency etc of implementation effects and achievements after project assignment; the written agreement shall be concluded by both parties with signature after negotiation.

Article 14 The commencement and completion time of projects shall be subject to the agreement. If not specified in the agreement, the date of signature of both parties shall be deemed as the commencement time of projects.

Article 15 The cooperation period is six months in principle, which shall be stipulated in the contract in a written form. The contract will be expired after six months since the commencement of projects. Unless otherwise agreed, it shall be subject to contract items. If both parties fail to renew this contract with no special circumstances stipulated, the contract will be terminated automatically upon the expiry.

Article 16 If both parties intend to renew this contract upon the expiry, then a new cooperation agreement shall be concluded accordingly. The contents could follow the original agreement, or to be revised or re-compiled based on mutual negotiation. A new written agreement shall be formulated and signed by both parties after negotiation.

Article 17 If any of parties fail to fulfill obligations stipulated in the contract without mutual negotiation, then the corresponding liability for breach of contract shall be born accordingly. If any of parties propose to terminate or withdraw the contract in advance, the project completion status shall be notified to other parties in a faithful attitude, and the issues related to remuneration and compensation for damages shall be further negotiated after project assessment. Both parties shall enter into a written agreement with signature based on negotiated results, and the original contract is deemed as terminated.