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To

Professor Tak-Wai Chan
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Dear Professor Chan,


I have been very interested by the reading of your project "Building a Learning Companion in Learning Context supported by wireless, mobile and digital tangible learning technologies". This project is promising, and its reading was stimulating. As you know, we have interest in this field of research; we have developed since the late 90s a multi agent based project *Baghera*¹ which shares some characteristics with yours, although rather complementary (Baghera involve a learner companion, but focuses more on knowledge and reasoning, than on motivation).

The idea of a research collaboration on *learning companions* is very exiting. I hope that you will get the necessary funding so that we can develop a joint research programme. If it is the case, then we will be able establish a mobility programme for our graduate students, including joint supervision of PhDs; an initiative which is well appreciated and supported by my university—the *Université Joseph Fourier*—and the CNRS.

Indeed, the project G1:1 which you initiated and invited us to participate, will be a good context for this collaboration. It will also be the case for the network of excellence Kaleidoscope, which develops—as you may have noticed—a research programme quite inline with your own plans. We are currently developing in Grenoble a testbed which we will offer as a component of the international network G1:1. I have every expectation that it will be an efficient means to the service of integrated research actions between our laboratories. Co-authored papers, communications and shared research for an integrated activity at an international level will be the mark of this collaboration.

I hope that you will get the expected funding, and that this will be the booster for the fruitful collaboration we have already engaged.

Best regards


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¹ See <http://julita.usask.ca/mable/webber.pdf> for a quick presentation, and many more on our laboratory website.