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Professor Tak Wai Chan
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Dear Tak Wai,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for your proposal, titled "Building Learning Companion in Learning Context Supported by Wireless, Mobile, and Digital Tangible Technologies." This work you propose is clearly "state of the art" within the International community of scholars and has great promise for improving education. Your group -- with its extensive background in wireless and mobile technologies and strong learning research capability -- has the ideal capabilities to undertake this work.

Here in the United States, we are involved in several related efforts and I see strong synergies that could emerge by working together. As you know, we have many projects regarding wireless and mobile technologies and one of the strong evaluation-research groups in learning technologies. Indeed, we are already evaluating one NSF-funded effort that is looking at agents (like your digital companions) in the university computer science classroom. I would be delighted to be involved in any of the following ways:

- Traveling to Taiwan to advise your project
- Participating in related workshops & symposia
- Exchanging students and staff (if funding allows)
- Co-authoring papers or books (when suitable topics emerge)

Overall, I am delighted you invited me to be involved in such a high quality effort. The proposal is exciting and essential for our continuous collaboration to advance the field of wireless and handheld technology for education through international coordination.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Roschelle, Director
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