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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to highly recommend Mr. Chen Feng for the academic position he is applying for at your esteemed institution. As a Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science from Queen Mary University of London, Mr. Feng has displayed exceptional academic prowess and a profound understanding of the intricacies of his field.

Chen is currently a visiting researcher in my group being supported by a grant provided by the European project AI4Media. As part of the research collaboration between my group and the one of Yiannis Patras in QMUL, Chen is working with me on several challenging research problems. He is interested in all weakly supervised learning problems, including self-supervised learning, semi-supervised learning, learning under noisy labels and learning under coarse labels. His work has been published in top computer vision conferences such as CVPR and BMVC. He has a good foundation in mathematics, so he is also deeply interested in related statistical learning theories. Actually, I have known about him from his work published in CVPR 2023 entitled Masked Contrastive Learning for Coarse-Labelled Dataset. This work addresses the under-explored problem setting where one learns with a coarse-labelled dataset in order to address a finer labelling problem. Chen is one of the first addressing this problem and being interested in it I was very happy when there was the chance to have him in Trento.

During the period he was in Trento, I had the pleasure to know him quite well. His dedication to academic research is evident and he actively engaged with my research team from the very beginning, contributing valuable insights and demonstrating a strong command of the subject matter.

Beyond his remarkable research abilities, Chen's excellent communication and language skills has enabled him to effectively communicate his academic viewpoints and collaborate with my students on various projects. His ability to convey complex ideas in a clear and concise manner has significantly contributed to the success of our collaborative endeavors.

Given his outstanding academic achievements and his ability to engage in meaningful academic discourse, I am confident that Mr. Chen Feng will make a valuable addition to your academic community.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please feel free to reach out to me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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