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Re: Letter of Recommendation for An Ky Nguyen (Hong Kong Laureate Forum Application)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of An Ky (Kyan) Nguyen's application to the Hong Kong Laureate Forum. Kyan is a second year PhD student in Pure Mathematics under the supervision of Dr. Yuri Nikolayevsky in the Department of Mathematical and Physical Sciences at La Trobe University.

Kyan's PhD project is part of an Australian Research Council Discovery Project on Killing tensors on symmetric spaces. Kyan has recently completed his first major PhD confirmation milestone, which involved a departmental presentation entitled "Killing Tensor Fields in Symmetric Spaces". He has also presented his work at the Joint Meeting of the New Zealand Mathematical Society (NZMS), Australian Mathematical Society (AustMS), and the American Mathematical Society (AMS) in December 2024. Kyan is a well organised and diligent student who demonstrates initiative and devotion.

The Hong Kong Laureate Forum will provide Kyan with an excellent opportunity to engage with leading researchers and gain valuable insights into the latest advancements in mathematical sciences, particularly in the area of differential geometry. This opportunity will be an invaluable experience for Kyan's professional and personal development. I am fully supportive of his application.

Yours sincerely,



Associate Professor Narelle Brack

Head of Department of Mathematical and Physical Sciences