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1. Vice Chancellor
Universiti Malaya
Chancellery Building
50603 Kuala Lumpur
2. Ms. Mak Siew Thong
Department of Medical Microbiology
Faculty of Medicine
Universiti Malaya
50603 Kuala Lumpur

Dear Sir / Ms. Mak

MTSF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH GRANT FOR YEAR 2023

Happy greetings from Malaysia Toray Science Foundation (MTSF), a charitable science foundation established to promote science and technology in Malaysia.

We are pleased to inform that **Ms. Mak Siew Thong**, attached to your esteemed university has been selected as one of the recipients of the **Year 2023 MTSF Science & Technology Research Grant** which carries a grant amount of **RM20,000.00 funded by Toray Science Foundation, Japan**. Our heartiest congratulations to your esteemed university and Ms. Mak Siew Thong.

As approved by the Selection Committee, this **RM20,000.00** research grant is specifically for the financing of the following approved goods/services relating to the research project entitled **“Bacterial vaginosis in women of reproductive age - A microbiome correlation study”** :

CONSUMABLES & OTHER EXPENDITURE ONLY : RM20,000.00

The grant will be presented to Ms. Mak Siew Thong at a ceremony to be held on 24 October 2023 (Tuesday) at 10.00am at InterContinental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. We will send to you and Ms. Mak the invitation and other relevant details in due course.

It is the Foundation's policy that all research grants shall be channeled through the Universities/Institutions concerned. As grant custodian, the Universities/Institutions shall, upon receipt of the grant recipient's written requests, shall pay to the grant recipient or directly to the suppliers for equipment/consumables used for the research project. Upon completing the research project, any unused balance of the awarded grant shall be refunded to the Foundation for subsequent use.

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MTSF requests that the University/Institution allocates individual account number to the respective recipients for easy reference. Fund disbursement should only be made for the sanctioned purchases, strictly according to the approved budget, after initiated and signed for by the recipient. Disbursement not requested for or certified by the recipient, in accordance with this guideline, shall not be recognized as authorized disbursement from this account. MTSF reserves the right to recall any "improper" expenditure thereby disbursed.

All grant recipients are required to submit to MTSF their final/progress project reports, together with the latest fund utilization statement duly certified by both the University/Institution's bursar and grant recipient. In normal circumstances, the recipient shall complete his/her research project within a period 12 months, commencing from January 2024, for completion by December 2024. The final annual report should reach the Foundation by 15 March 2025. Any extension of time for project completion or report submission, in written request, shall be dealt with by the Selection Committee individually. For purpose of record, all grant recipients are to submit to MTSF a Final Project Summary Report, all published papers and where applicable, a copy of thesis if he/she is pursuing for higher degree with the University.

Meanwhile, please refer to the attached **Grant General Conditions and guidelines**, for execution by both your University and Ms. Mak. We would very much appreciate it if you **could complete, sign and courier three (3) sets on/before 4 September 2023** for our necessary action.

Once again, our heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Yours faithfully

MALAYSIA TORAY SCIENCE FOUNDATION



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Dato' Teh Hock Soon
Managing Director

cc:

- Toray Science Foundation, Japan
- Prof. Ir. Dr. Shaliza Ibrahim, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), UM
- Co-Researchers: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chindy Shuan Ju Teh, UM, &
Dr. Ngoi Soo Tein, UM

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Faculty of Dentistry,
Universiti Malaya

for winning **SECOND PRIZE** of
ORAL PRESENTATION (Lab-Based Category)
in the 4th International Conference on
Oral Microbiology and Oral Immunology
"Adapting Oral Health Research & Clinical Practice
during COVID-19 Pandemic"
on 7-8th September 2021

Presentation Title: Anti-biofilm Activity of Three Endodontic Sealers

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