RMIT University - CRICOS 00122A RMIT Training Ltd - CRICOS 01912G RTO - 3046

rmit.edu.au

RMIT University | 124 La Trobe St

Melbourne | Australia

Mr. Tao Yan (DOB: March 18, 1994)

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering,

College of Engineering, Shantou University (STU)

Daxue Road 243, Shantou 515063, P.R.China

14/02/2023

Letter of Invitation for Mr. Tao Yan for the Application of an STU Scholarship Grant

Dear Mr. Tao Yan,

I am pleased to invite you to join my group at the Department of Civil & Infrastructure

Engineering, School of Engineering, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT

University), and work on a joint project under my supervision from March 2023 to February

2024. I understand that you are planning to receive the status of a visiting student. Your research

project will be primarily on performance assessment of EPB shield tunneling through different

strata using machine learning methods. We will provide you with the necessary infrastructure

to carry out your research in our group.

Our group is a successful collaborative research team focusing on the development of methods

associated with Geotechnical Engineering. I truly believe our collaboration will be fruitful.

Besides, English is the official language used in most activities associated with RMIT University. Based on our previous communication, I believe that your English level is sufficient to communicate and work in our group.

Finally, this invitation is conditional on you receiving a fellowship from Shantou University (STU), which would cover the cost of living, travel, medical insurance, etc., for the duration of your stay in Melbourne. Therefore, further funding from RMIT will not be provided. I wish your application to the STU scholarship success, and I'm looking forward to having you join an exciting work within our research group.

Kind regards,

Prof. Amnan Zhou

Civil & Infrastructure Engineering

School of Engineering

Manager, Higher Degree Research (HDR)

GPO BOX 2476, Melbourne, VIC 3001, Australia

Tel: +61-3-9925-040

Fax: +61-3-9639-0138 annan.zhou@rmit.edu.au