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**Subject: Invitation as Project Consultant for the RCT Experiment in Malaysia**

Dear Dr. Zhuang,

On behalf of the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the project entitled, “*Assessing the Economic Impact of Temporary Basic Income (TBI) in Malaysia*” as a **Project Consultant**.

This project (Contract Reference No. CGS-024-2021) is commissioned by the United Nations Development Programme Malaysia Country Office, for a duration of twelve months in total, which will end in October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

The TBI experiment in Malaysia covers both urban and rural locations, aiming to examine the impact of the TBI at both the household and community levels. With this pilot program, the Institute aims to provide policy recommendations on the TBI impact and potential up-scaling to the Malaysian government, especially for further financial assistance and social protection programs. This project will provide the government with further evidence for a continuous and inclusive cash-based intervention as a means to improve the livelihood and social-economic security out of Malaysia.


As Project Consultant, your role would be primarily consulting. Specifically, your expertise on development economics and understanding on Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) experiments in the following areas would be most beneficial to the study:

- i) Research design of the TBI experiment;
- ii) Questionnaire design for baseline, mid-point and end-point surveys; and
- iii) Write-up of potential academic publications based on the results of this project.

We highly appreciate your generosity and goodwill in guiding the study in Malaysia. Your commitments on taking the time out of your busy schedule to help MIER craft the initial design of the RCT experiment and questionnaires are exemplary. We would be further obliged if you could kindly accept the invitation as Project Consultant for the RCT experiment in Malaysia.

If you have any inquiry regarding our official collaboration through this project, please kindly contact the Principal Investigator of this project, Dr. Saizi Xiao, at [saizi@mier.org.my](mailto:saizi@mier.org.my) for further detailed discussion and clarification.

Sincerely,



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