

Declaration of Participants in the China-U.S. Youth Maker Competition

I, the undersigned (participating team), voluntarily participate in the 2026 China- U.S. Youth Maker Competition (referred to as the Maker Competition). The Maker Competition is hosted by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. The competition is co-organized by the Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange, Tsinghua University, Beijing Gehua Media Group Co., Ltd., Shanghai Municipal Office for Zhangjiang Science City Development and Management and American related partners. The host, co-organizers, and their respective subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Organizing Units") have the opportunity to participate in the organization and promotion activities of the China-U.S. Youth Maker Competition now and in the future.

I, the undersigned (participating team), voluntarily make the following declarations:

1. Intellectual Property Rights

- a. I (participating team) guarantee the originality of the work and that it does not infringe upon any third-party intellectual property rights or other rights, and its content complies with applicable laws and regulations (including, but not limited to, the relevant laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China and the United States of America). I (participating team) agree to assume full responsibility for any claims or claims arising from the infringement of third-party intellectual property rights or other rights, and to protect the host, co-organizers, and their agents, and to defend them against any claims or prosecutions for loss or compensation.
- b. The intellectual property rights of the participating works belong to the participants, but due consideration should be given to the interests of

the competition organizing units. The organizing units of this competition have the permanent and free right to use the participating works of this competition for demonstration, partial or complete publication worldwide (excluding technical details). If the organizing units of the competition use the participating works for other purposes, they must negotiate with the participating teams and sign an agreement on the use of the participating works with the consent of the participating teams.

- c. During the competition and evaluation period, I (participating team) cannot transfer or license the participating works to any third party.
 - d. I (participating team) hereby guarantee that if I transfer the participating works to any third party after the end of this competition or permit any third party to use the participating works in any form or dispose of the participating works in any other form, I will ensure that any such action involves the written consent of any third party and confirms that the host and co-organizers continue to have the aforementioned free right to use the participating works and any other rights mentioned in this declaration.
 - e. I (participating team) agree to bear full responsibility for any disputes or claims arising from the violation of the aforementioned guarantees, and guarantee that the organizing units do not suffer any losses as a result, and compensate the organizing units for any losses suffered.
2. I (participating team) guarantee and declare that the participating project is new work created within the last year (The period from the end of the 2025 Finals to the start of the 2026 Finals) and not publicly published, before and during the participation in this China-U.S. Youth Maker Competition, the project has not been commercialized, not been mass-produced or sold, and no commercial investment has been obtained and has not received investment, rewards, loans, or equity investments from, including but not limited to, venture capital institutions, angel investment institutions, private equity funds, and

other investment sources, and no government policy investment, no entry into the finals of previous China-U.S. Youth Maker Competitions, and no provincial (or above) awards in previous editions of the Category A discipline competitions recognized by the Ministry of Education for national college students I (participating team) agree that individuals (participating teams) and works that violate this rule may be prohibited from participating in the competition or have their achievements revoked by the competition working group.

3. Regarding the use of my photos, portraits, or quotations by the organizing units, I (participating team) agree to the following terms:

a. I (participating team) grant the organizing units an irrevocable and perpetual full authorization to use my name, image, portrait, quotation, or any part thereof (collectively referred to as "My Portrait") in promotional materials, and in any and all manners, in any and all media, including but not limited to print, photographs, film, video, television, CD-ROM, DVD, and online computer media, such as the Internet, for distribution or display worldwide.

b. I (participating team) acknowledge that the use of my name, image, or statements by the organizing units will reflect on the reputation of the organizing units, and I am not aware of any factors that would have a negative effect. I understand that the organizing units have no obligation to compensate for the use of "My Portrait." I further understand that the organizing units do not acquire any ownership rights or interests in my information as a result of this declaration. I (participating team) agree that the organizing units have the copyright to any photographs, video films, and any other works created by the organizing units as derivative works of this declaration

c. I (participating team) also agree that when the participating units use "My Portrait" or any part thereof, they have no obligation to identify

my identity by name or in any other way. I (participating team) waive all possible rights and claims regarding the organizing units' use of "My Portrait," including but not limited to the right of publicity, the right to privacy, the rights relating to defamation of character, and all rights related to the approval of materials produced by the organizing units that include "My Portrait," regardless of whether "My Portrait" is considered to be tarnished, distorted, or altered in my own view, or whether it is intentional or for other purposes.

4. In addition to the above terms, I (participating team) also agree to the following:
 - a. The host and co-organizers shall not be responsible for any circumstances that not caused by their own actions during the Maker Competition, including but not limited to personal injury, emergency medical accidents, and/or property damage.
 - b. I should be aware of and pay attention to all potential risks involved in the Youth Maker Competition. I should be responsible for my own safety in various activities of the Youth Maker Competition.
5. I (participating team) agree that my personal information may be shared with one of the co-organizers of the Maker Competition or relevant partners, for the purpose of issuing final prizes, etc.
6. I (participating team) guarantee and declare that any statements I provide to the host, co-organizers, and supporters as part of this declaration represent my true beliefs and understanding.
7. Each participant must hold a valid identification document issued by the government to participate in this event. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the competition working group reserves the right to interpret these rules.

8. I (participating team) declare that I have read this declaration and fully understand the terms and rights authorized and released therein.

I also declare that I have the complete authority and authorization to sign this release agreement.