

## Letter of Support – Centre of Excellence Application – NordNatech

To whom it may concern,

We **Yokohama National University** are writing to express support for the application to the **Centre of Excellence (SFF)** scheme, led by **Professor Nicola Paltrinieri**, **Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)**, for the proposed Centre initiative **NordNatech**.

We recognize the scientific relevance and ambition of *NordNatech*, and strongly support the initiative. We value our ongoing relationship with NTNU through collaborative research on Natech risk assessment and safety engineering, and see clear potential for mutually beneficial collaboration aligned with the Centre's thematic focus.

Should the proposal be invited to the next stage, we are open to continuing dialogue and identifying suitable avenues for interaction, including **research collaboration**, **joint** activities, knowledge exchange, or advisory contributions.

We wish NTNU success in this competitive process.

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Sincerely,

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