LETTER FOR GRANTING PERMISSION FOR DATA COLLECTION

To
The Principal
Vinayaka Mission's College of Physiotherapy
Tamil Nadu

Subject: Request for Permission to Conduct the UNEP-Tide Turners Plastic Challenge Survey

Dear Dr. A.Sam Thamburaj,

On behalf of Youth Education and Advocacy unit, United Nations Environment Programme, I am writing to kindly request your institution's participation in a research project we have commissioned to evaluate and generate learnings as to the impact of the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge. The research is commissioned on behlaf the United Nations Environment Programme and will be carried out by researchers affiliated with the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) and the University of Oxford.

As you may be aware, the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge was developed with a focus on building the capacities of young people to tackle plastic pollution by raising awareness, fostering community engagement, and advocating for policy changes. This challenge is implemented in many parts of the country, including your institution, by the Centre for Environment Education (CEE) and/or World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF-India). For further information, please visit: https://www.unep.org/explore-topics/education-environment/what-we-do/tide-turners-plastic-challenge

To better understand the impact as well as barriers and challenges to participation, we would like to request your permission to conduct a questionnaire survey in your institution with those who will be recently participating in this programme and if possible, also those who did not to ascertain the difference the project has undertaken. We would like to assure you that we are committed to maintaining the confidentiality of all participants. No personal information will be collected, and the data gathered will be used solely for research purposes.

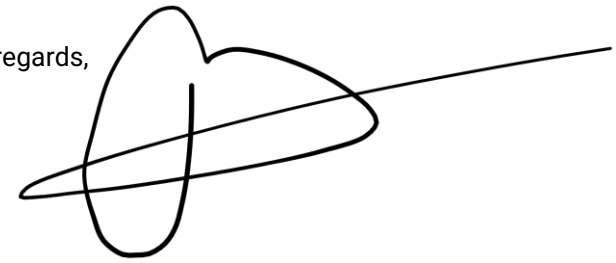
Through the survey, which we included for your informtation, we aim to gather insights regarding awareness, attitudes, and behaviours related to plastic use as well as the challenges associated with participation, if any. Such insights will help us adapt this programme to maximise reach and impact on the youth.

For further information, please feel free to contact my colleague, and the principal investigators of the project, whose information is provided below:

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Thank you for considering our request.

Warm regards,



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