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NOTIFICATION

In order to provide advisory recommendations for strategic coherence, sustainability and alignment of the National Center of Artificial Intelligence (NCAI) and National Centre of Robotics and Automation (NCRA), the Chairperson, Higher Education Commission (HEC) is pleased to establish the **National Chair on AI and Robotics** and appoint **Rector, National University of Science & Technology (NUST)**, as the National Chair.

02. The Terms of Reference of the National Chair shall be as follows:
- Conduct, together with a panel of experts, a comprehensive assessment of the national AI and Robotics ecosystem, with particular focus on the HEC-supported National Centers (NCAI & NCRA). The assessment shall evaluate governance structure, strategic alignment, existing policy frameworks, coordination mechanisms across relevant government institutions and bodies, and monitoring & evaluation of national centers.
 - Identify key challenges, structural gaps, systemic inefficiencies, and operational constraints across the ecosystem impacting effectiveness, coherence, and long-term sustainability.
 - Develop an integrated framework through benchmarking with international best practices to ensure national-level alignment, coherence, and coordinated direction across institutions, initiatives, and stakeholders in AI and Robotics.
 - Recommend national transformation pathways and implementation approaches for AI and Robotics.
03. HEC shall provide necessary secretarial and coordination support to facilitate the functioning of the National Chair and its committee on AI and Robotics.

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