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Dear Sir/ Madam

Further to my message with a more recent statement from the London School of Economics, I note you have not removed the reference to the staff member Ruth Orson from your website. <https://www.peoplenews.tw/news/41075ad6-3253-4db4-a689-38d8ea3e1e1f>

This is leading to her receiving irrelevant enquiries and harassment, directed by your website. As previously stated, she is not in the LSE external relations department and is not the relevant person to contact on this matter.

Once again, please would you edit the story online to remove Ruth Orson's name. We have provided you with the LSE's official statement which can be used.

Kind regards,

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**Subject:** London School of Economics statement regarding article

**Importance:** High

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am getting in touch from the London School of Economics Media Relations Office in relation to this article:

**Is the doctoral degree of Tsai Ing-wen fraud?** [English translation]

<https://www.peoplenews.tw/news/41075ad6-3253-4db4-a689-38d8ea3e1e1f>

LSE would like to provide the following statement, attributable to an LSE spokesperson:

**LSE spokesperson:**

*“The records of the University of London and London School of Economics and Political Science confirm Tsai Ing-Wen was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.*

*“Unfortunately, the LSE Library has never held a copy of Tsai Ing-Wen’s thesis. All PhDs from that period were awarded via the University of London and would have been sent first to their Senate House Library.*

*“We have corresponded with the University of London about the thesis and extensive checks have been made. Senate House Library are presently unable to find their copy.”*

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**As background**

I have attached a scan of the relevant entry in the LSE Calendar of 1985/86, which acts an official record of awards and degrees given to LSE students in 1984. This confirms Dr Tsai’s PhD award at the time.

Furthermore, **please remove reference in your article to the LSE member of staff, Ruth Orson.**

The information in her email is correct but she understood this to be personal communication, not a press statement for general publication.

The statement from the LSE spokesperson (as above) can be used instead.

Kind regards,

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