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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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