

From: [O'Connor,D](#)
To: [Wilson,Clive](#)
Subject: RE: Inquire From Taipei Representative Office--Education Division
Date: 30 August 2019 09:25:00

Hi Clive,

As you may have seen, this is, once again, escalating somewhat -

Tsai to take legal action over academic credentials accusations

<http://focustaiwan.tw/news/aip/201908290010.aspx>

I would not rush to reply to any general enquiries for the time being. (Of course, enquiries from the Taipei Representative's office are somewhat different).

Danny

From: Wilson,Clive
Sent: 29 August 2019 15:29
To: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: RE: Inquire From Taipei Representative Office--Education Division

Thanks Danny

correct. 😊 And there's a better way to word my second part too if that's included.

Perhaps: We do not know if other theses were missing from the transfer list but received over 600 theses that had not originally been presented to LSE at the time of their award.

Clive

From: O'Connor,D
Sent: 29 August 2019 14:59
To: Wilson,Clive
Subject: RE: Inquire From Taipei Representative Office--Education Division

Hi Clive.

That seems ok but the last part is perhaps a bit unclear/ open to misinterpretation.

From what you're saying, we just don't know if there were any others missing...as they simply weren't included or listed (i.e. it's an unknown unknown as Donald Rumsfeld might say)

Is that right?

Danny

From: Wilson,Clive

Sent: 29 August 2019 14:30

To: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>

Subject: FW: Inquire From Taipei Representative Office--Education Division

Hi Danny

I wondered when it would surface again.

apparently [REDACTED] came to view the thesis whilst I was on leave and asked to see other theses from that period as well. I've asked colleagues to give me what information they can about when he came in and what he asked to see.

But as a result ... please see below.

Assuming these would all come under FOI, the answers to the questions would be:

All visitors to LSE must complete the application form at:

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/library/using-the-library/secure/join-the-library>

and specify which material they wish to view. All applications to view printed theses in our collections will be accepted and an appointment made to view them in our Special Collections Reading Room.

The copy we hold was received on the 10th July 2019

I am not aware of any other thesis 'missing' from the transfer list, but we did take over 600 LSE theses that we did not already have a copy of. So not having a copy of Dr Tsai's thesis originally was not unusual.

What do you think?

thanks

Clive

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 29 August 2019 14:14

To: Wilson,Clive

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Inquire From Taipei Representative Office--Education Division

Dear Clive,

I hope you have been keeping well and enjoying the hot weather.

It was very kind of you to welcome my colleagues and me to the LSE Library in mid-July and to allow us to view and photograph President Tsai's thesis. You may be aware that another press conference was held in Taiwan today regarding President Tsai's PhD degree. During this press conference, a Professor by the name of Hwan C. Lin concluded that President Tsai's PhD was not valid, raising various questions which we are now obliged to address.

Therefore, could I possibly trouble you to answer the following three questions?

1. What is the procedure for a visitor to apply to view President Tsai's thesis in the LSE Library?
2. When did the LSE Library receive the copy of President Tsai's thesis that it currently holds?
3. Was President Tsai's thesis the only one not to be included in the transfer list from the University of London to LSE Library or was this the case with other theses, as well?

If you would prefer to respond to these questions in person, would it be possible for me to arrange another meeting with you at the LSE Library at some point tomorrow (Friday 30th Aug.)? Otherwise, I look forward to receiving your reply by e-mail.

Thank you very much indeed for your continued assistance in this case.

Kind regards,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.