

From: [Wilson Clive](#)
To: [Cerny MW](#)
Subject: RE: Inquire From Taipei Representative Office--Education Division
Date: 04 September 2019 10:06:25

Hi Marcus

no problem – I knew the second part was definitely them but thought I'd better start with you 😊

thanks for the confirmation

Clive

From: Cerny,MW
Sent: 04 September 2019 10:04
To: Wilson,Clive
Subject: RE: Inquire From Taipei Representative Office--Education Division

Hi Clive,

I think that is something for the UoFL to clarify. My knowledge would go back to the late 1990's and that is not robust.

The physical thesis submission for examination will have been handled by the Research Degrees Office at Uof L and the final copy by Senate House Library.

Sorry about this rather unhelpful response. I am confident in my assumption as to what will have been the process even at that time (confirmation that the thesis had been passed by the examiners, hard bound copy to Senate House triggering confirmation of award by RDO and placing in the Library) but this should be clarified by UoFL and I would direct President Tsai's office to send queries on this process to them.

Thanks,
Marcus

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From: Wilson,Clive
Sent: 04 September 2019 09:45
To: Cerny,MW
Subject: FW: Inquire From Taipei Representative Office--Education Division

Hi Marcus

Are you able to answer this? Or at least the first part. UoL processes obviously for them to answer.

As a quick update, I don't know if you are aware but a North American-Taiwan professor came in over the summer to look at Ingwen Tsai's thesis. He published a 50 page report (in Chinese) last week, criticising it and alluding to Gaddafi again. President Tsai has decided to take him to court, hence the questions. She has also requested and been sent a copy of her student record.

thanks

Clive

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 September 2019 09:39
To: Wilson,Clive
Cc: sztseng
Subject: RE: Inquire From Taipei Representative Office--Education Division

Dear Clive,

Thank you so much for your response.

The President's Office has asked me to find out what the procedure was back in the 1980s for PhD students to submit their theses. Do you know what they would be required to do and how the University of London would process and catalogue the theses submitted at that time?

If you are not in a position to answer this question, would you be able to suggest a contact person who might be able to help explain the process?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: Wilson, Clive <CLIVE.Wilson@lse.ac.uk>

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Date: Fri, 30 Aug 2019 10:37:12

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

Hi [REDACTED]

thanks for the email. All's well here. It had gone quiet briefly and I was made aware that [REDACTED] had visited whilst I was on leave. I did wonder what would happen next.

To answer the questions:

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.

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.

As we have just seen the news that says President Tsai may take legal action, I am copying my reply to Danny O'Connor our Head of Media Relations

very best wishes

Clive

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Sent: 29 August 2019 14:14
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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 [REDACTED] 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,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]