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Hi

Sorry, this has been a spectator sport for me. I'd also let nature run its course if the thesis is now available online.

Best wishes, Kevin

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Thanks Marcus.

I realise the thesis is now available to view online via Taiwan's National Central Library, so hopefully this will reduce some of the nonsense.

Danny

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Thanks Danny,

I have read it and it doesn't raise anything new in terms of issues relating to the School, University, IALTS etc. to which we have already responded. However, the addition of personal accusations of lying against identified individuals is something we haven't responded to and we should keep an eye on this to make sure that these are addressed if necessary.

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One hopes his own doctoral research was of a higher standard than this report ...  
Clive

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Just to add, this was shared by a contact in the Taiwanese Govt who has been in touch with Clive.

Regards,

Danny

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Dear colleagues,

For information, please see attached an English translation of the report by [REDACTED] against Tsai and LSE, claiming LSE is illegally covering up for President Tsai regarding the PhD matter

I haven't read it fully - It is long, rambling, incoherent and moves from Gaddafi to accusations against Fang-long and to repeated accusations that I am "lying", among other things.

*(Page 40) "This public relations head Mr. D.O. stated: the 'records' of both the LSE and the University of London confirm that Tsai Ing-Wen received a Ph.D. in Law in 1984, and the student record shows Tsai had submitted the dissertation. Obviously this public relations head is lying!"*

*(p 42) "This investigation's search results proves that the LSE Research Support Services' library assistant Ms. R.O. was correct, and that LSE public relations head Mr. D.O. was clearly attempting to lie and cover up for Tsai Ing-Wen."*

*Plus (p43, p 44)*

As frustrating as this is, I am not sure it'll do much good to start issuing detailed denials, or to engage with [REDACTED]. He seemed to be a somewhat vindictive individual throughout the process.

(Kevin FYI - you probably haven't seen much of this but there is a conspiracy theory going round parts of Taiwan that the President never got her PhD from LSE).

Kind regards,

Danny

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Hi Danny

FYI. I haven't read it yet, won't have time until later, but if you think anyone else needs to see it please do pass it on.

I'm sure it will just make me cross!!

Clive

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 October 2019 09:24  
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Hi Clive,

I would like to share the English version of [REDACTED] report with you. [REDACTED] accusation of LSE begins from page 26, which I believe is quite ridiculous.  
Please let me know what you have in mind about this.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]



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