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**Subject:** RE: Taiwanese embassy delegation  
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Hi Danny

visit went well. They asked a lot of questions and I'm sure I answered without saying anything we haven't already. (I do recognise I have a natural tendency to want to tell people everything!!)

I explained more about the University of London structure and the changes in degree awards and changes from print to digital and that this seemed to be confusing people a lot. I also explained that it was my fault that Ruth's initial email had been not wholly correct. They were very sympathetic towards her.

I showed them (loosely) where the theses are kept and how secure they are. Although it probably won't be there for a while as we will keep it in the strong room next to the reading room so it's not going up and down all day long.

I also took them to the reading room, showed them how people make requests, and that we always have two people on duty for security reasons as we have so many unique archives.

They did take a couple of photos and sent them to the Ministry for Education. Apparently there is a Tsai thesis debate in parliament today.

So next thing I know, the Deputy Minister for Education rings up to thanks us for our help. I tried to make it very clear that although the volume of requests is much higher than anything we've had before, we would do this verification for any of our alumni and it wasn't just because she is President.

Clive

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**From:** O'Connor,D  
**Sent:** 18 July 2019 13:29  
**To:** Wilson,Clive; Kelloway,C  
**Cc:** Metcalf,F  
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Thanks Clive.

You can explain it's the same for *everyone* coming to see the thesis – i.e. if a delegation from the Chinese embassy came it'd be the same.

Danny

- Btw – they’re technically not an embassy but the ‘Taipei representative’s office’. (geopolitics and diplomacy etc!)

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**From:** Wilson, Clive

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**Subject:** Taiwanese embassy delegation

Dear Both

██████ at UoL put the embassy in touch with me and they are sending a delegation to look at the thesis and take a picture of the title page at 2.30 this afternoon

If they want more than that I am going to hold to the copyright declaration and say no (very politely).

Clive