

From: [Kaufman,AN](#)
To: [Thomson,MT](#); [O'Connor,D](#)
Subject: RE: an odd request for truth
Date: 25 September 2019 09:17:13

Hi Mark

Their record in SITS shows their nationality as Taiwanese but it's important to note that old graduates would have had their data imported into SITS in the late 90s from whatever system preceded it (possibly paper in some cases). There is no record for Republic of China in SITS so it's possible that when those records were imported, their nationalities were mapped to their contemporary equivalents. So, in short, we can't say with any certainty how the School would have recorded their nationality in 1980 short of going to Senate house and looking up their paper records.

Thanks
Andy

From: Thomson,MT <M.T.Thomson@lse.ac.uk>
Sent: 25 September 2019 07:38
To: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>; Kaufman,AN <A.N.Kaufman@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: FW: an odd request for truth

Colleagues, greetings

Another query about the Taiwanese President's PhD. Danny, I presume the stock reply will suffice?

Andy – you will see that there is a question about how we would record a Taiwanese student's nationality on the student record in 1980 – Republic of China or Taiwan? An interesting question. Do you know the answer?

Thanks,

MTT

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 September 2019 03:32
To: Thomson,MT <M.T.Thomson@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: an odd request for truth

Dear Mr. Thomson

This is [REDACTED]

Nonetheless, I do not write this email for my personal matter, but for truth.

Recently, a Taiwanese LSE graduate tried hard to prove that she did get a Ph.D. degree in Law in your school in 1984. And yet, the more evidence she provided, the more curious the truth became. This graduate happens to be the president of

Taiwan, Ing-wen Tsai. She provided her LSE student record and notification of examination outcome (please see the attached files), but they just arouse more questions. For example, the notification is lacking a signature of the academic registrar, that is, Mrs. G. F. Roberts, which is very strange. Or, why the registrar crossed out "MPhil" and replace it with "Ph.D." in handwriting without any notes (maybe it was different in 1980). There are still more questions like these.

Many young and high intellectuals in Taiwan like me are playing Sherlock Holmes now -- that is why I send this odd email to you. I don't expect to get all the answers. If you couldn't confirm if those documents came from your office, would you please at least give me a hint about one question -- how would your office put a Taiwanese student's nationality in the student record in the past (1980) and in the present -- Republic of China (ROC) or Taiwan?

Thank you very much for reading this email. Wish you all the best.

P.S.: The first attachment is President Tsai's student record provided by her spokesman, which she said came from LSE. The second attachment is a comparative analysis of the notification of exam outcome by another Holmes on the internet (he found another Ph.D. graduate's letter on the internet) and found many strange things.

Sincerely yours

