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Subject: RE: for truth and truth only, legitimately
Date: 01 October 2019 16:06:57

On reflection, it seems weird that you've answered one question but ignored all the others.

I've updated a standard reply we've been using below:

Dear xxx

As indicated to a number of enquirers, the London School of Economics and Political Science and the University of London can confirm categorically that Tsai Ing-Wen completed and submitted her thesis and was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.

[Update] For your information, Dr Tsai Ing-wen recently provided the LSE Library with a facsimile copy of the thesis, *Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions*. I understand a digital copy has also been provided to Taiwan's National Central Library.

<https://ndltd.ncl.edu.tw/cgi-bin/gs32/gswweb.cgi/ccd=1wi2HF/webmge?mode=basic>

regards,

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Thanks, Danny. Are you comfortable with the following response?

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 1 October 2019.

We can confirm that President Tsai successfully completed a PhD at LSE in 1984. As was normal practice for LSE qualifications in 1984, her academic certificate was issued by the University of London, of which our School has been a member institution since the beginning of the 20th Century.

As do most institutions in the United Kingdom, the University of London has in place a procedure where it is able to re-issue certificates on request. This practice may explain the existence of more recently issued academic certificates to which you refer.

Best wishes, Kevin

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Hi Kevin,

In general we have been giving a two line reply effectively saying, her PhD is legitimate. The main reason for this nonsense is that the UoL / IALS lost her thesis, probably many years ago.

On the certificates – these were issued by the University of London. Any graduate can ask for certificates to be re-issued if they pay a small fee. I understand from UoL that she did, indeed, ask for two additional copies.

On everything else, I don't have relevant information on signatures and dates, I'm not totally sure it's worth responding to each question as it's just going to invite never-ending questions.

Danny

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Hello Danny, Marcus

You'll see below that I've been approached by a member of [REDACTED] staff looking for clarity on President Tsai's qualifications from LSE (or the University of London).

I'm happy to respond, or for anyone else to do so. Could you please confirm the facts (when, where, what) of the situation if you're content for me to respond?

Best wishes, Kevin

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: for truth and truth only, legitimately

Dear Mr. Haynes,

This is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I do not write this email for my personal matter, but for some legal truth. Many young Ph.D.s in Taiwan like me are playing Sherlock Holmes to crack the mystery of President Ing-wen Tsai's LSE Ph.D. degree.

In this email, I attached a few Ms. Tsai's LSE documents (which she said provided by LSE). However, these documents did not solve people's doubts about her LSE certificate but aroused even more suspicion.

First of all, Ms. Tsai had three Ph.D. certificates that she obtained from 1984, 2010 and 2015 -- How come LSE issued her so many certificates at different times? Are they all legitimate? My second question is, some important documents are lacking signatures of the persons in charge -- Are these documents coming from LSE? Without signatures, are they legitimate? (Attached documents are published by the President's spokesman on his FB and in a press conference.)

I am very sorry if this email is bothering you or LSE, but this matter has caused much disturbance in Taiwan's society in the past few months. Families and friends fought with each other or broke off relations because of this. It has become it is either LSE's fault (missing Ms. Tsai's thesis in three libraries, issuing documents without signatures, missing details between 1983-84 in the student record) or it is Ms. Tsai's fault (if she did not follow the right procedure to get her Ph.D. degree). How could she graduate without a principle supervisor after 1982 as shown in the student record? (It is said that her supervisor Mr. Michael Elliot left LSE in 1982.)

I am not in nature a political person. It is the first time that I care about a political issue so much because it is related to academic dignity and truth. I realize it is not an easy matter. All I can do is just writing this email.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]