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To: [Wilson,Clive](#)
Cc: [Directorate](#)
Subject: RE: replacement certificate procedure
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Thanks Clive.

I realise this is probably a question for LSE but it's directed to [REDACTED] at UoL.

As you suggest, I think we've exhausted our responses to this individual.

Best wishes,

Danny

From: Wilson,Clive
Sent: 31 July 2019 10:26
To: O'Connor,D <D.O'Connor@lse.ac.uk>
Cc: Directorate <Directorate@lse.ac.uk>
Subject: FW: replacement certificate procedure

Hi Danny

sorry, I think this one might be yours ...

Although, the UL raised the issue of their name and they seem to admit it's not a real one ... can reject under FOI for that reason I believe – if it gets an answer ...

thanks

Clive

From: Directorate
Sent: 31 July 2019 10:02
To: Wilson,Clive
Subject: FW: replacement certificate procedure

Dear Clive,
Please see the email below for your information...

Best regards,
Kinga

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 27 July 2019 23:52

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Directorate <Directorate@lse.ac.uk>

Subject: Re: replacement certificate procedure

Dear Associate Director [REDACTED]:

Thank you very much for the information.

Recently, however, a news report that LSE informed Taiwan's Ministry Education that the author's approval would be required for anyone to request copies of pages of Tsai Ing-wen's PhD thesis entitled "Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions" really irritated the Taiwanese electorate and hurt their feelings severely. It's almost unacceptable and wasted all my efforts to help LSE solve the Taiwanese people's questioning about the thesis issues. Academically and theoretically, anyone would be pleased and appreciative to have as many people as one can have to read his/her PhD thesis. Why would anyone be so narrow-minded as to hide his/her thesis from the public and prevent people from reading it? The reasoning being as simple as this, the Taiwanese people just can't understand such uncommon policy and limit imposed by LSE. Or by the author herself?

Furthermore, judging from the birth year, one can hardly imagine that a "professor" in his early 30s can be a PhD supervisor of a PhD student only five years younger. Here I quote the word professor because I believed a magazine's confirmation that Mr. Michael J. Elliott did have his tenured professorship. However, this fact doesn't clean up people's questioning of other issues: Since Mr. Elliott had never been reported to have a master's degree or a doctorate degree, 1) how, 2) when, and 3) why did he get that tenure to be the PhD supervisor of Tsai Ing-wen, the author of that highly questioned PhD. thesis? The thesis has been highly questioned for the following reasons: a) it had been missing/unavailable for 35 years before it was forced to reappear recently in the LSE library, b) Now that it was no longer missing, it is still unavailable to general public or interested researchers, and c) wouldn't you wonder, "What's there to hide?" If it were your thesis, would you limit people to read it?

Thank you very much. Your very kind and generous help and assistance to dig out the truth behind all these questions are of great value and therefore would be highly appreciated by the Taiwanese electorate, since Dr. Tsai is now a candidate of the Taiwanese presidential election in 2020. In democratic Taiwan, as in any other democratic country such as Britain, I'd assume that you'd agree, people deserve the right to know about each candidate before they cast their ballots.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

On Tue, Jul 23, 2019 at 9:12 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 July 2019 22:13
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: replacement certificate procedure

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for the prompt reply. I am really grateful. How may I address you when I made known your response to this diploma inquiry?

Gratefully yours,

[REDACTED]

On Fri, Jul 19, 2019 at 5:05 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for enquiry which I am able to address.

Any replacement diploma for an academic award that was originally made 20 or more years ago, will carry the signature of the University of London's Vice-Chancellor, who is in post at the time of the certificate being re-issued.

As all replacement requests generally fall within a 20-year period, an officer of the University of London did respond to a general enquiry to state that the replacement diploma would carry the same date and signature as the original diploma. This was an error. It was only subsequent to this reply that the date of the award, falling outside the 20-year period, became known.

I hope this clarifies the situation for you.

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 July 2019 13:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Re:

Dear [REDACTED]:

Sorry for the late reply, 'cause I was checking with other sources and would also like to calm down a little bit all parties concerned on a very hot issue.

It has been hotly controversial in the Taiwanese presidential election to be held in 2020. Since the ruling party's candidate and an LSE PhD holder, Tsai Ying-wen, recently showed to the public her PhD degree certificate, in the replacement format, a political storm siren has been unexpectedly pushed and jolted the whole Taiwanese society. The storm to part of the Taiwanese electorate got so serious it was coined a "degree gate" in Taiwan. A well-known and highly esteemed Taiwanese professor showed a copy of your letter to someone and you were quoted as saying in the letter that "Replacement certificates are only issued in case of proven loss or accidental destruction, and they will of course still be identical to the original document— same wording, same signature" to contrast the replacement copy which carries a different signature of a vice chancellor of a different period. Tsai Ing-wen was "correctly" awarded her degree in 1984 while the shown copy of the degree carries a signature of Vice Chancellor [Sir Adrian Smith FRS](#) who served the 2012-2018 term instead that of [Sir Randolph Quirk CBE FBA](#), who served the 1981-1985 term.

[REDACTED], as you may have been well aware that I totally have no intention to get you involved in an election controversy. To you, your clarification on the wording and the signature of this degree may be such a tiny and easy thing to do, yet it is so vital in this election to the Taiwanese society. Your clarification determines the fate of the whole Taiwanese society, be it to become split in two rivaling parts of true degree and fake degree, or to become a united society of harmony. Whether the degree gate is to be built or to be torn down is dependent on your clarification. Whether the society is to be split or to be united is dependent on a tiny and simple clarification from you. Taiwan is dependent on you.

Compared with the whole issue, my name is never a big deal. As I totally have no intention to get you into this hot swirl, I have no intention to get myself in it either. So, none of our names are important,

I am just a regular John Doe and you'll just be, if you agree, an LSE spokesperson, if I ever have to refer the clarification to you.

Thank you very much and thank you so much for understanding.

Gratefully,

[REDACTED]

On Tue, Jul 16, 2019 at 2:02 AM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED] thank you for your email.

Can you please provide your full name and your connection with the University of London as we have to prevent fraud and ensure security of our information.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 July 2019 19:20

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re:

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you so very much for the prompt response to my question, and I sincerely apologize for misspelling your honorable first name.

I was to humbly ask if you'd kindly confirm the following content you made in a letter to an inquirer regarding the replacement certificates:

"Replacement certificates are only issued in case of proven loss or accidental destruction, and they will of course still be identical to the original document— same wording, same signature."

The reason for the need of this confirmation is that a highly esteemed professor recently used a letter of yours carrying this sentence to question if a replacement doctorate degree certificate is fake since it carries a different signature of a different vice chancellor than its original copy was supposed to carry.

As a result, your very kind confirmation, or any elaboration in any other way on the format of a replacement certificate would be highly appreciated.

Thank you very much again.

[REDACTED]

On Mon, Jul 15, 2019 at 1:25 AM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED] thank you for your email.

My name is [REDACTED]. What is your enquiry?

Regards
Theresa Byrne

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 July 2019 07:33

To: [REDACTED]

Subject:

To whom it may concern:

I'd appreciate if you'd kindly verify for me if the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you.

[REDACTED]