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Subject: Re: President of Taiwan's PhD thesis
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Thanks Charlotte.

I think [REDACTED] has my mobile from Clive so may call shortly.

From: Kelloway,C
Sent: 17 July 2019 13:59:28
To: O'Connor,D
Subject: FW: President of Taiwan's PhD thesis

Just sharing this email change I had with the University of London press office last month in case relevant.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 June 2019 11:20
To: Kelloway,C
Subject: RE: President of Taiwan's PhD thesis

Hi Charlotte,

Thanks very much for the heads up – we didn't have any inquiries so far but will now be prepared for it!

Best wishes

[REDACTED]



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From: Kelloway,C <C.Kelloway@lse.ac.uk>
Sent: 13 June 2019 10:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: President of Taiwan's PhD thesis

Hi [REDACTED],

I'm emailing from the press office at LSE as we have received a number of media enquiries about the President of Taiwan's PhD thesis.

Tsai Ing-wen studied at LSE in the 1980s and was awarded a PhD in Law in 1984. However, a copy of her thesis can't be found and this has led to some media outlets and commentators in Taiwan speculating that the PhD doesn't exist or was ghost written.

<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3721962>

We have issued a statement confirming our records show she studied at LSE and was awarded a PhD and have provided a copy of the relevant entry in the LSE Calendar of 1985/86, which acts as an official record of awards and degrees given to LSE students in 1984.

However, some journalists have come back with further questions about how common it is for a thesis to go missing and at what stage this might have happened.

We have explained that the LSE Library never held a copy of the thesis and, as all PhDs from that period were awarded via the University of London, a copy would have been sent first to the Senate House Library but we understand they are presently unable to find their copy.

Therefore, I just wanted to get in touch as you may receive some questions on this – I expect you may have already as this issue was first raised several years ago when she was first seeking election as President.

Happy to discuss further if helpful.

Many thanks,

Charlotte

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