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Dear Fang-long

To let you know, we are planning to put up a statement on our website later today where we can direct enquiries about Dr Tsai's PhD (as below)

It doesn't go into all the details being requested but provides an overview.

Best wishes,

Danny

### **LSE statement on PhD of Dr Tsai Ing-wen**

LSE has received a number of queries regarding the academic status of our alumna, Dr Tsai Ing-wen, President of Taiwan.

We can be clear the records of LSE and of the University of London - the degree awarding body at the time - confirm that Dr Tsai was correctly awarded a PhD in Law in 1984.

All degrees from that period were awarded via the University of London and the thesis would have been sent first to their Senate House Library. However, it has recently been discovered that the University of London Senate House Library are unable to find the hard copy of the thesis.

The Senate House Library records confirm that a copy was received and sent by them to the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies (IALS). There is a listing of Dr Tsai's thesis 'Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions' in the IALS index document "Legal Research in the United Kingdom 1905-1984", which was published in 1985.

Dr Tsai recently provided the LSE Library with a facsimile of a personal copy of the thesis, *Unfair trade practices and safeguard actions* which is available to view in the Library's Reading Room. We understand Dr Tsai has also provided a digital version of her personal copy to the National Central Library of Taiwan.

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