



FOI23-026 Confucius Institute - staff roles

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To: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request dated 23 January 2023

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your question(s) below and set out our corresponding response(s).

This FOI request relates to the university's Confucius Institute, in particular to the roles at the Confucius Institute for which individuals are recruited in China (if I understand correctly, that is the Chinese language teachers, and the 'Chinese co-director').

Are these university roles? Are the rights and privileges of university staff attached to these roles? Are those who occupy these roles staff of the university? Are these individuals employed by the university? Please share any documentation that answers these questions or otherwise defines the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.

Please state whether the university has received legal advice about the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.

There are three types of roles for which individuals are recruited by China. They are:

- *The co-director*
- *The tutors*
- *The volunteers*

None of the people recruited by China for these roles are employed by Cardiff University. These roles are not vacancies for Cardiff University. The only rights and privileges they share with university staff are:

- *Being assigned an email address and some access to our university network*
- *Being given some workspace*
- *Being given a laptop.*

All three roles are granted visas through the UK Government's China-UK Mandarin Teachers Scheme. Details on this can be found on the following UK Government web pages:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-government-authorised-exchange-schemes>

I trust this information satisfies your enquiry. Should you feel dissatisfied with this response or the way in which your request was handled you can request an Internal Review. This should be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this email. Please provide your unique reference number of your request, information on why you are dissatisfied and any detail you would like us to consider as part of the Internal Review process. Email your request to inforequest@cardiff.ac.uk where it will be forwarded to the Head of Compliance and Risk who will be responsible for overseeing the review.

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Information Commissioner for consideration. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cardiff University. If you require further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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