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QM FOI Enquiries <foi-enquiries@qmul.ac.uk>

7 March 2023 at 16:00

To: Dear 

Thank you for your email.


The answer to both your questions is no.

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Yours sincerely

Queen Mary University London

From: 
Sent: 08 February 2023 12:34
To: QM FOI Enquiries <foi-enquiries@qmul.ac.uk>
Subject: FOI request

Dear sir/madam,

My name is  and I would like to make an FOI request about the university's Confucius Institute.

First, I should provide some context. I am in possession of the majority of the legal documentation governing the UK's

30 Confucius Institutes, that is, agreements between the relevant British universities and Chinese entities.

One common theme in these agreements is a clause seeming to demand that staff from the People's Republic of China (PRC) who work at the Confucius Institutes in the UK should 'follow Chinese law' whilst on British soil, or that the Institute's activities (as carried out by staff) should not contravene Chinese law.

Recently, some students at Newcastle University sent an FOI request to their university asking whether staff from the PRC have indeed to follow Chinese law on campus. Newcastle's response was to state unequivocally that "Chinese staff in the UK must still abide by Chinese law as well as UK law."

My FOI request is as follows:

Do the staff from the PRC at the University's Confucius Institute have to abide by Chinese law on campus? Has the University entered into agreements that demand as much?

Thank you and best wishes,

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