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01 February 2023

Ref: FOI 2913

Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding roles at the Confucius Institute (Ref FOI 2913).

[REDACTED] the information you requested is as follows:

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.**

These individuals are not employed by the University but are engaged as contractors. They are in the UK on Tier 5 Government Authorised sponsorships, sponsored by the Centre for Language Exchange and Cooperation (formerly Hanban UK).

We do not hold any further documentation that defines the legal status of these individuals.

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

We do not hold any record of having received legal advice on this topic.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request for information, you are entitled to ask for an internal review; however, you must do so within 40 working days of the date of this response. Any internal review will be carried out by a senior member of staff who was not involved with your original request. To ask for an internal review, contact DPFOIA@uclan.ac.uk in the first instance.

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