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By email only to: [REDACTED]

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear [REDACTED],

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act")**

Further to your recent request for information held by King's College London, I am writing to confirm that the requested information is held by the university.

**Your request**

We received your information request on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

*This is an FOI request about the Lau China Institute.*

*It has been reported that the Lau China Institute was set up following a donation from Dr Lau Ming-wai, who is based in Hong Kong. Please provide*

- a) emails sent in 2011 and 2012 between KCL staff responsible for administering this donation and Dr Lau,*
- b) any due diligence conducted by KCL on Dr Lau,*
- c) a list of Dr Lau's visits to the Institute,*
- d) any agreement or MoU signed in relation to this gift,*
- e) details of any requests Dr Lau made in respect of his gift or has made since,*
- f) details of any further donations by Dr Lau, or any other 'ongoing support' as mentioned here (<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/lci/assets/ming-wai-lau-summary-report-final-2020.pdf>)*
- g) information as to how Dr Lau's donation is held by KCL. Is it invested? Is it in an endowment?*

## Our response

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*(<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/lci/assets/ming-wai-lau-summary-report-final-2020.pdf>)*
- g) *Information as to how Dr Lau's donation is held by KCL. Is it invested? Is it in an endowment?*

The table below provides details relevant to your request as held by the University:

Amount Pledged	Gift Date	Fund Description
£1,000,000	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	Lau China Institute Discretionary Fund
£4,000,000	24 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	The Lau China Institute
£6,000,000	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2011	The Lau China Institute

Further requested personal information, to the extent that it is held by the University, is withheld under section 40(2) of the Act, on the grounds that disclosure would exceed the data subject's reasonable expectation and breach the data protection principles enshrined in the Data Protection Act 2018.

This completes the university's response to your information request.

## Your right to complain

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your information request or feel that it has not been properly handled you have the right to complain or request a review of our decision by contacting the Director of Information Governance & Data Protection Officer within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Further information about our internal complaints procedure is available at the link below:  
[http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance\\_and\\_legal/Freedom\\_of\\_Information\\_Policy\\_updated\\_Oct\\_%202011.pdf](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance_and_legal/Freedom_of_Information_Policy_updated_Oct_%202011.pdf)

In the event that you are not content with the outcome of your complaint you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal complaints procedure provided by King's College London.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:  
The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane

Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,



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