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4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Sam Dunning,

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

- 1. Please provide a complete list of all financial supporters of the Lau China Institute since its founding. Who has funded the Institute? Please provide a comprehensive list, including the amount, date it was given, identity of funder, and the purpose of the funding if specified/reserved.*
- 2. A list of Chinese universities with which the Institute has partnerships. Please include the date the partnership was established and its nature (e.g. joint project, purpose). Please also provide any agreements or MoUs in each case.*

On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 you provided timeframe clarification for question 2:  
*I suppose this should be within the past 4 years, but I don't want to risk pushing my request over the limit.*

### Our response

- 1. Please provide a complete list of all financial supporters of the Lau China Institute since its founding. Who has funded the Institute? Please provide a comprehensive list, including the amount, date it was given, identity of funder, and the purpose of the funding if specified/reserved.*

Date	Donor	Fund Description	Gift Amount
27/02/2015	Donor #1	The Lau China Institute	£6,000,000
20/06/2018	Donor #2	The Lau China Institute	£7,416
24/09/2020	Donor #1	The Lau China Institute	£4,000,000
24/09/2020	Donor #1	Lau China Institute Fund	£200,000
13/10/2021	Donor #1	Lau China Institute Fund	£200,000
28/09/2022	Donor #1	Lau China Institute Fund	£200,000

We are withholding the names of private donors under the exemption at S40(2) Personal information. Disclosure of this information would contravene article 5(1) of the UK GDPR which requires personal data to be ‘processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject’. The rights of the individual, and the possible consequences of disclosure, make disclosure both unfair and unlawful. This information has therefore been withheld under s. 40(2).

2. *A list of Chinese universities with which the Institute has partnerships within the last 4 years. Please include the date the partnership was established and its nature (e.g. joint project, purpose). Please also provide any agreements or MoUs in each case.*

The attached appendix provides details relevant to your request.

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  
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Yours sincerely,

**Lakeisha Dowsey-Magog**  
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