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Your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write in response to your request for information received by The University for the Creative Arts (UCA) on 27 March 2024.

In your request you asked to be provided with information in relation to the following:

Total annual budget allocated to its directly affiliated Chinese Communist Party branch by the Institute of Creativity and Innovation (Xiamen) during the years 2015-2023.

Total annual expenditure spent by the Institute of Creativity and Innovation (Xiamen)'s Chinese Communist Party branch during the years 2015-2023.

Our global engagement team have confirmed the following in response to your request. Xiamen University collects all tuition for students enrolled in the Institute of Creativity and Innovation and remits a percentage of that tuition fee to UCA, minus a percentage that is remitted to Chinese tax authorities. UCA's ICI budget only covers expenses related to UCA employees and related operational costs pertaining to teaching and supportive administrative functions. No portion of UCA's ICI budget is allocated to Xiamen University's ICI Chinese Communist Party branch. UCA is not privy to Xiamen University's budget details for the Institute of Creativity and Innovation, or any other part of its operation as an independent University, therefore UCA has no information on any expenditure spent by Xiamen University on the Chinese Communist Party branch during the years 2015-2023. Any request for such information would need to be made directly to Xiamen University, as you may be aware however, a request to them directly would not be subject to UK FOI law.

I hope you find this information helpful.

If you are not satisfied with the service that you have received in response to your information request, please inquire in the first instance and if need be, the University can undertake an internal review of your application upon a written request. Mark Ellul is our Chief Operating Officer and will be able to independently investigate this for you.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner Office (ICO) for a review of the decision. It is unlikely that the ICO will make a decision unless you have exhausted the local complaints procedure. This commissioner body can be contacted via www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints or at the following address: Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

University for the Creative Arts