

Response date: 30 September 2024

## Freedom of Information Act 2002: Request FOI 3288

### Your request:

"Please provide:

- The number of visits to China in the last 18 months by the Vice-Chancellor (or equivalent), any pro-VC (or equivalent), dean international (or equivalent), or any other executive-level staff (not academic or research staff).
- Please, for each visit, state the role of the staff member(s) who went, and a list of meetings/itinerary."

### Our Response

Please find below our answers to your questions

#### Question 1.

The number of visits to China in the last 18 months by the Vice-Chancellor (or equivalent), any pro-VC (or equivalent), dean international (or equivalent), or any other executive-level staff (not academic or research staff).

#### Answer

- One visit by Professor Kathryn Mitchell, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University of Derby
- Two visits by Professor Alex Molasiotis, Pro Vice-Chancellor (PVC) Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Education

#### Question2.

For each visit, state the role of the staff member(s) who went, and a list of meetings/itinerary."

#### Answer

##### 1. Professor Kathryn Mitchell– Vice Chancellor

9 to 11 October 2023 - Visit to Hunan University of Technology (Zhuzhou City, Hunan Province, China)

- 9 October
  - Tours: Zhuzhou City Museum, Zhuzhou City Planning Exhibition Hall, Tea House
  - Dinner

- 10 October
  - Tours: HUT College of Packaging Design and Arts, The Rail Transit Automation, Collaborative Innovation Centre, Public Computer Cluster - Library - HUT History Museum
  - Meeting - Discussions on proposed DIHUT and Signing Ceremony of MOU

11 to 13 October 2023 - Visit to Shenyang University of Technology (Shenyang City, Liaoning Province, China)

- 11 October 2023
  - Dinner with University of Derby alumni
- 12 October 2023
  - Unveiling ceremony and signing of MOU
  - Tour of Campus
  - Meeting with students and Welcome Ceremony for new students on our shared TNE programme
  - Partnership Management Committee Meeting for our shared TNE programme
- 13 October 2023
  - Travel from Shenyang to Shanghai
  - Attended a Women in Business Focus Chamber Event (Shanghai, China)
  - Met with the CEO of Swiss Education Group (Shanghai, China)

14 October 2023

- Attended a graduation event for our Online students there. (Shanghai, China)

15 October 2023

- Departure from China

## 2. Professor Alex Molasiotis – PVC Dean of College of Arts and Humanities

### Visit one

9 to 10 October 2023 - Visit to Hunan University of Technology. (Zhuzhou City, Hunan Province, China)

- 9 October
  - Tours: Zhuzhou City Museum, Zhuzhou City Planning Exhibition Hall, Tea House

- Dinner
- 10 October
  - Tours: HUT College of Packaging Design and Arts, The Rail Transit Automation, Collaborative Innovation Centre, Public Computer Cluster - Library - HUT History Museum
  - Meeting - Discussions on proposed DIHUT and Signing Ceremony of MOU

#### 11 to 13 October 2023 - Visit to Beihai University of Art and Design

- 11 October 2023
  - Travel to Beihai and dinner with colleagues from Beihai University of Art and Design
- 12 October 2023
  - Visit to Beihai University of Art and Design, including tour of facilities and signing of progression agreements
- 13 October 2023
  - Travelled to Shanghai. Met the CEO of Swiss Education Group (Shanghai, China)

#### 14 October 2023

- Attended a graduation event for our Online students there. (Shanghai, China)

#### 15 October 2023

- Departure from China

#### Visit two

#### 29 - 31 March 2024 – Visit Wuhan University and Deliver of keynote speech at 2<sup>nd</sup> LuoJia Nursing International Conference

- 29 March
  - Travel to Wuhan, China
- 30 March
  - Attendance at 2nd LuoJia Nursing International Conference, and delivery of keynote speech “Expressive art therapies and art making as an emerging field in adult health and nursing”
- 31 March

- Meeting with colleagues from Wuhan University to discuss research opportunities followed by dinner

01-03 April 2024 - Beijing Institute of Economics and Management

- 1 April:
  - Travel from Wuhan to Beijing, China
- 2 April:
  - Visit to Beijing Institute of Economics and Management, including tour of facilities and official signing of progression agreement followed by dinner
- 3 April:
  - Departure China

Yours sincerely

Assurance Services

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