

26/09/2024

Dear Sam Dunning,

Request Reference: 3239

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request, received at this office on **04/09/2024** in which you requested details of the following:

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.

The Freedom of Information Act requires that this request is dealt with in a manner that is motive and applicant blind. A disclosure under this legislation is considered a disclosure to the world and is considered to be on the basis that it is in the public interest.

Response

The DVC has not travelled to China since joining the University of Hull and there have been no visits to China by the CPO or USSCO.

The only senior staff member to travel to China in the last 18 months was Pro-Vice-Chancellor International at the time, this visit took place in October 2023.

Role	Date(s)	Organisation	Purpose
PVC-I	Wednesday 18 th October 2023	10.30-12.00 Meeting with Director Education, British Council China	*Please see below
PVC-I	Thursday 19 th October 2023	University of Hull Partner Conference	*Please see below
PVC-I	Friday 20 th October 2023	09:30 - Meeting with Beijing City University 12:30 - Meeting with Canvard College, Tongzhou 18:00-20:00 Networking	Networking
PVC-I	Tuesday 24 th October 2023	Meetings at Xiamen University	*Please see below
PVC-I	Wednesday 25 th October 2023	09:30 Meeting at Xiamen University Tan Kah Kee College	*Please see below

PVC-I	Thursday 26 th October 2023	10.00-11.00 Meeting with Area Director, British Council Shanghai	*Please see below
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*As below -

- Representing the University to a range of stakeholders at receptions and events
- Discussing research and internationalisation ideas in meetings and workshops
- Discussing teaching collaborations, student progression, and joint supervisions
- Business meetings with UK and Chinese government representatives such as the British Council
- Partnerships
- Contribution to the University's International Strategy 2020-2025
- strengthen our institutional knowledge of the Higher Education and Research and Development priorities in China

VC -

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Vice-Chancellor	Saturday 25 th November - Sunday 2 nd December 2023	CEDD - Civil Engineering and Development Department The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	Slope Safety Technical Review Board (The VC is a Board member independent of the University)
Vice-Chancellor	Wednesday 6 th December 2023	10:00 - Alumnus/Prospective Donor 13:00 - Alumnus/Donor/Prospective Donor 19:00 - Alumnus/Prospective Donor	Alumni
Vice-Chancellor	Thursday 7 th December 2023	16:00 - Alumnus/Prospective Donor 19:00 - Honorary Graduate/Alumnus/Prospective Donor	Alumni
Vice-Chancellor	Friday 7 th December 2023	10:00 - Alumnus/Prospective Donor 12:30 - Academic Services, HKU Space	Alumni Academic Partner Institution

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Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Officer
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