

Ref No: 6039  
Date: 08/10/2024  
Subject: China visits

## 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.*

## RESPONSE

**Please see the spreadsheet attached to your request.**

**Job titles for senior staff have been supplied but the names of individual staff have not been provided. We have also removed the names of meetings attendees. This personal data is exempt from release under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosure of this information would breach one of the data protection principles. This message acts as our refusal notice.**

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where it would be necessary to answer the request in full (in which case we would seek your consent for any transfer).

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If, following our internal review, you are dissatisfied with the response provided, you may write to the Information Commissioner's Office, for details visit [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Name	Attended China	Date of Trip	list of meetings
Vice-Chancellor	1	June 23 Lancaster University College Beijing Jiaotong University (BJTU-LU College)	Meeting with members of Chinese International Education Foundation (CIEF) including lunch Meeting with members of the Centre for Language Education (CLEC) and Cooperation, Chinese Ministry of Education Presiding over Graduation Ceremonies at BJTU-LU College Formal lunch with BJTU-LU College Leadership team Leadership team and President of BJTU-LU College Campus tour and tour of Nanhai district Dinner with BJTU-LU College colleagues at Weihai Dragon boat racing
Vice-Chancellor	2	June 24	Presiding over Graduation Ceremonies at BJTU-LU College Agent partner Thank you lunch NOVO (New Oriental Vision Overseas) Partner Office Visit Meeting with leadership team of BJTU State Key Laboratory of Advanced Rail Autonomous Operation Lunch and dinner at BJTU Visit the BJTU history museum Meeting at British Council and lunch Meeting with Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE) online at British Councils' meeting room Alumni Reception Informal meeting with LU Staff at Weihai Campus (BJTU LU College) Graduation Gala dinner
Pro-Vice-Chancellor Global (Digital, International, Sustainability)	1	April 23 Guangzhou	SCNU (Guangzhzhou) SCAU China Foreign Affairs University Dinner with BJTU-LU College Weihai teams Meeting and lunch with [], Vice-President for International BJTU-LU College Pre JMC meeting with BJTU-LU College Weihai Leadership Team
		Beijing	Meeting with [] President of China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) Lunch with CEAIE JMC Meeting BJTU-LU College
		Weihai	Dinner and meeting with Lancaster University Weihai Leadership Team Meeting with LU staff
			Open lecture to LU staff at Weihai Visit to the Science and Innovation Park at Nanhai Weihai City International Affairs Office, Nanhai District Government Meeting with various teams/colleagues at Weihai campus summer school talk with students Presentations to students for PG programme, etc.
		June 23	Dinner with colleagues from Zhejiang University Meeting with [] Graduation Gala Group photos meeting BJTU-LU College Graduation Ceremony Meeting with BJTU-LU College President [] Formal lunch with BJTU-LU College Leadership team Campus Tour Optional Tour of Nanhai District Dinner with LU teaching colleagues Dragon boat racing
		April 24	Meeting with [] at BJTU-LU College Meeting with Weihai staff
		April 24 Guangzhou	Research collaboration with China Academy of Science, SCNU, SCAU Meeting with the British Council Meeting with the International Office of SCAU Meeting with the Environment College of SCAU Presentations 2+2 students of year 1&2 of SCAU Presentations for staff and students at the Environment School Discussions with SCNU colleagues from Environment School Dinner with SCNU colleagues from Environment School Meetings at Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry (GIG) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Meetings - International Business College in SCNU (Foshan Campus)
		Sept 23 Tongji, Shanghai	Visit and meetings at Tongji University, Shanghai, where Executive Dean is a Visiting Distinguished Professor. Hosted by [], Tongji University.
		BJTU-LU College, Weihai	Visit and meetings at BJTU-LU College, Weihai, hosted by LU Dean []
		LREIS, CAS, Beijing	Visit and meetings at LREIS, CAS, Beijing, where Executive Dean was previously a Visiting Professor, hosted by [], CAS.
		Beijing	UK & China Higher Education Mission to China led by British Council, UKRI, Universities UK Briefing for delegates Stakeholder reception UK-China Higher Education Forum (co-organised with CEAIE) Meeting with National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) Recruitment Roundtable with key agents and International Schools
		Shanghai	Meeting and visit Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) Site visit to Shanghai Theatre Academy (STA) Meeting at the Consul-General's Residence Alumni Reception
		Tongji, Shanghai	Further visit and meetings at Tongji University, Shanghai, where Executive Dean is a Visiting Distinguished Professor. Hosted by [], Tongji University.