

# Subject: RE: [EXT] FOI request re China visits



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Dear Sam,

Our ref: 24-151

Further to the correspondence below, the University's response to your Freedom of Information request is as follows:

- 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).

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- Please, for each visit, state the role of the staffmember(s) who went, and a list of meetings/itinerary.

1) Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), itinerary attached: "1. China itinerary December 2023.pdf"

2) Executive Dean of School of Business and Management, itinerary attached: "2. Nov 2023 China itinerary.pdf"

3) Vice Chancellor, itinerary attached: "3. China trip itinerary for the VC.pdf"

Please note that redactions have been made to the attached in order to protect personal data. Release of the redacted data would breach the first data protection principle (as set out in Article 5(1) of the GDPR and section 35 of the Data Protection Act 2018), that disclosure be fair and lawful. Therefore this information is exempt from disclosure under sections 40(2)(b) and 40(3A) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Overseas Visit Itinerary and Health & Safety Checklist				
Country	China			
Dates	16th - 23rd December, 2023 ( [REDACTED] )			
Purpose of visit	Visit university partners and support international student recruitment activities			
Representative(s)	[REDACTED]			
Date	Time	Event/Activity	Location	Notes
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
16 December 2023	11:40	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] departure from London Gatwick Airport.	LGW	Gatwick
17 December 2023	06:45	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrive Shanghai Pudong International Airport T2	Shanghai	
	14:00-16:00	Applicant/offer holder meeting at the hotel reception	Shanghai [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	18:00-20:00	With some international school counsellors Shanghai	Shanghai	[REDACTED]
18 December 2023	11:30-13:00	[REDACTED] School tour (say hi to the principal if possible) and lunch at the school with [REDACTED]	Shanghai	[REDACTED]
	13:15-13:45	[REDACTED] School Shanghai [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] & [REDACTED] to talk to Grade 11 A-level students
	15:00-16:30	All to [REDACTED] 15:00-15:30 meeting with [REDACTED] team leader(s) 15:30-16:30 Ruth has a tour with [REDACTED]	tbc	half an hour away from the [REDACTED]
19 December 2023	Morning	10:00-12:00 All to [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	Afternoon	[REDACTED] to [REDACTED] (Taxi to be arranged) Talk at [REDACTED] 13:30-14:00 Dinner with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] MOU update - [REDACTED], to be emailed to [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

20 December 2023	08:53-09:41	Bullet train G1373 , all to Hangzhou	Shanghai Hongqiao to Hangzhou East	
	10:00-12:30	All to [REDACTED] to meet with academics there	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	15:00-17:00	All to visit an agent in Hangzhou, [REDACTED] Promotion of [REDACTED]	[REDACTED], Hangzhou	[REDACTED]
	20:23-21:22	Bullet train G7396, , all back to Shanghai	Hangzhou to Shanghai Hongqiao	
21 December 2023	8:00-12:45	Travel from Shanghai to Beijing by bullet train	Shanghai Hongqiao station to Beijing Nan station	
	Noon	Hotel check-in	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	14:30-17:00	14:30-15:30 Board Meeting Room, [REDACTED] 15:40-17:00 [REDACTED] They are interested in [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	Dinner	tbc		
22 December 2023	Morning	All to [REDACTED] Presentation for [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	Lunch	With [REDACTED]	tbc	

	Afternoon	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	19:00-21:00	Applicant/offer holder meeting at the hotel reception	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
23 December 2023	12:40:00 (BJT)	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] departure from Beijing Capiatl International Airport T3. [REDACTED]		
	15:55(UKT)	[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrive London Heathrow Airport T2	LHR	Heathrow
05 January 2024	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Accommodation				
Date		Hotel	Telephone number	
17-21/12/23		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
21-23/12/23		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
Contact numbers				
Type of phone		Number		
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]



Main contact in China [REDACTED]

Nov.6, 2023

Time	Activity	Venue	Note
	Arrival to Suzhou, airport pick up provided by [REDACTED], accompanied by [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

Nov.7

Time	Activity	Venue	Note
8:30 - 17:10	[REDACTED] Event, accompanied by [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

Nov.8

Time	Activity	Venue	Note
Morning	Media interview and video shooting, arranged by [REDACTED]	Suzhou	
Afternoon	Travel from Suzhou to Shanghai by Train	Suzhou to Shanghai	

Nov.9

Time	Activity	Venue	Note
9:30 - 12:00	Agent ([REDACTED]) Visit	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
15:00 - 17:00	Agent ([REDACTED]) Visit	[REDACTED]	

Nov.10

Time	Activity	Venue	Note
7:00 - 12:00	Travel from Shanghai to Zhengzhou by plane	Shanghai to Zhengzhou	
14:00 - 17:00	[REDACTED] school visit	Zhengzhou	

Nov.11

Time	Activity	Venue	Note
10:00 - 12:00	Agent ([REDACTED]) Visit and training	Zhengzhou	
14:30 - 17:00	Working with [REDACTED], deliver a student and parent facing event: introduction of RHUL Business school and 1:1/interview section with students	Zhengzhou	
17:40-21:40	Return to Shanghai by bullet train	Zhengzhou to Shanghai	

Nov.12

Time	Activity	Venue	Note
Morning	Free time		

14:00 - 17:00	Afternoon tea with Alumni and offer holders	Shanghai	Event planning is led from RHUL Alumni's team
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Nov.13

Time	Activity	Venue	Note
10:00-12:00	visit		
14:30 - 15:30			

## China trip itinerary for the VC: 21 September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Day	Time	Activity	Additional Info
Saturday 21/09	13.00	Arrive to LHR terminal 5	
	15.05	Flight to Beijing from LHR terminal 5	██████████ is on the same flight
Sunday 22/09	9.35	Arrival to Beijing Daxing International Airport	
	10.00	Transfer to Grand Hyatt Beijing	Transfer arranged by hotel, ██████████ will accompany ██████████
	Afternoon	Rest	
Monday 23/09	Morning	Free time	
	Afternoon	Free time	
	18.00-19.00	Meeting with Alumnus (██████████)	Appendix 1
Tuesday 24/09	8.15	Meet at the hotel lobby for travelling to ██████████	Taxi arranged by ██████████
	9.00-11.30	Visit ██████████	Appendix 2
	11.30-12.30	Travel to the hotel	Taxi arranged by ██████████
	14.00-15.00	Meeting with alumnus (██████████)	Appendix 1
	15.00	Meet at the hotel lobby for travelling to ██████████	Taxi arranged by ██████████
	16.00-17.00	Meeting with ██████████	Appendix 3
	17.00-17.45	Travel to the hotel	Taxi arranged by ██████████
	18.00-18.45	Meeting with alumna (██████████)	Appendix 1
	18.45-19.30	Meeting with alumna (██████████)	Appendix 1
Wednesday 25/09	9.00	Meet at the hotel lobby for travelling to ██████████	Taxi arranged by ██████████
	10.00-11.30	Meeting with ██████████	Appendix 4
	11.30- 12.10	Travel to ██████████	Taxi arranged by ██████████
	12.10-14.00	Buffet Lunch with colleagues from ██████████	
	14.00-14.20	Meeting with ██████████ leadership	Appendix 5
	14.30-17.00	Media League Promotion Work Meeting, ██████████	Appendix 5
	17.00-17.45	Travel to the hotel	Taxi arranged by ██████████
	18.30-21.30	Alumni Event, Grand Salon, Lower Ground Floor, Grand Hyatt Beijing	Appendix 6

Thursday 26/09	8.15	Meet at the hotel lobby to travel to [REDACTED]	Taxi arranged by [REDACTED]
	9.00-11.00	[REDACTED] 70th Anniversary Celebration Ceremony at [REDACTED] followed by lunch	Appendix 5
	14.00-17.00	Artificial Intelligence and Higher Education Forum at [REDACTED]	Appendix 5
	17.00-19.00	Free time, hotel room to be provided by [REDACTED] for rest, dinner to be provided by [REDACTED]	
	19.00-21.00	[REDACTED] 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala	
	21.00	Travel to the hotel	Taxi arranged by [REDACTED]
Friday 27/09	8.40	Meet at the hotel lobby to travel to the Beijing South Railway station	[REDACTED] is on the same train, transfer to the train station is arranged by the hotel
	10:05 - 15:42	Bullet train to Shanghai	
	15.50-16.30	Travel to the Renaissance Shanghai Yu Garden Hotel	Pick up at the Shanghai Hongqiao Railway station is arranged by [REDACTED]
	17.00-18.00	Meeting with [REDACTED] at the hotel (room tbc by [REDACTED])	Appendix 7
	18.00-19.30	Dinner with [REDACTED] (optional)	
Saturday 28/09	Morning	Free time	
	Afternoon	Free time	
	16.30-17.30	Meeting with Alumnus ([REDACTED])	Appendix 1
	18.30-21.30	Alumni Event, The View, 32 Floor, The Renaissance Shanghai Yu Garden Hotel	Appendix 6
Sunday 29/09	8.30	Meet at the hotel lobby to travel to [REDACTED]	Taxi arranged by [REDACTED]
	9.30-11.00	Meeting with [REDACTED]	Appendix 8
		Lunch	
	14.00-15.30	Meeting with [REDACTED]	Appendix 9
	15.30	Travel to the hotel	Taxi arranged by [REDACTED]
	Evening	Free time	
Monday 30/09	10.00-11.00	Meeting with Alumnus ([REDACTED])	Appendix 1
	14.00-15.00	Meeting with Alumnus ([REDACTED])	Appendix 1
	15.00-16.00	Meeting with Alumnus ([REDACTED])	Appendix 1
Tuesday 1/10	7.20	Taxi to the airport	Taxi arranged by [REDACTED] via the hotel
	8.30	Arrive at Shanghai Pudong International Airport, terminal 2	
	11.00-18.35	Flight to LHR Terminal 5	