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Dear Sam Dunning

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act")

Further to your recent request for information held by King's College London, I am writing to confirm that the requested information is held by the university.

Your request

We received your information request on 04 September 2024 and have treated it as a request for information made under section 1(1) of the Act.

You requested the following information:

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 staffmember(s) who went, and a list of meetings/itinerary.

Our response

Details below capture activity for the Vice-Chancellor's Senior Team (the Vice-Chancellor, SVPs and VPs).

The number of visits to China in the last 18 months by the Vice-Chancellor (or equivalent), any pro-VC (or equivalent)

Four visits in total:

SVP Health and Life Sciences – 2 visits (1 and 2 below)

Vice-Chancellor – 1 visit (3 below)

VP International, Engagement & Service – 1 visit (3 below)

Details of visit and itinerary

1. Senior Vice President (Health & Life Sciences) visited the Southern University of Science and Technology

Role: As a senior representative of King's, to visit SUSTech regarding the SUSTech – King's School of Medicine (SKMed).

26/09/2023 Shenzhen Meeting with President of SUSTech and senior leadership
Tours of affiliated hospitals

2. Senior Vice President (Health & Life Sciences) visited the Southern University of Science and Technology

Role: As a senior representative of King's, to visit SUSTech regarding the SUSTech – King's School of Medicine (SKMed).

03/06/2024 Hong Kong Dinner with Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics
(CAIR) Hong Kong Institute of Science & Innovation

04/06/2024 Hong Kong Meeting with Dean of Medical Faculty, HKU
Meeting with a prospective staff member
Meetings and dinner with Goldman Sachs and associated companies

05/06/2024 Dongguan Meeting with CityU and SUSTech

06/06/2024 Shenzhen Meetings SUSTech and KCL-SUSTech Joint Medical Committee

3. Vice-Chancellor and Vice President (International, Engagement & Service) visit

Role: As senior representatives of King's, to engage with recruitment partners, alumni networks and partner universities. An opportunity to visit SUSTech to join the enrolment ceremony for the first cohort of students at the King's-SUSTech Joint Educational Institute.

28/08/2024 Beijing Alumni reception

29/08/2024 Beijing Meeting with leadership at Peking University and PKUHSC
Meeting with Heads of Schools and Principals

Shanghai Alumni Reception

30/08/2024 Shanghai Meeting with leadership at Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Meeting with agents and partners
Presentation to students at Dulwich College Shanghai
Marketing dinner with Heads of Schools and Principals

1/09/2024 Shenzhen Meeting with leadership of SUSTech

2/09/2024 Shenzhen Meeting with SUSTech and JEI leadership

	Hong Kong	Reception with Heads of Schools and Principals Dinner with potential supporters
3/09/2024	Hong Kong	Meeting with Hong Kong University British Council Meeting with Consul General and British Council Hong Kong

This completes the university's response to your information request.

Your right to complain

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your information request or feel that it has not been properly handled you have the right to complain or request a review of our decision by contacting the Director of Information Governance & Data Protection Officer within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Further information about our internal complaints procedure is available at the link below:

http://www.kcl.ac.uk/college/policyzone/assets/files/governance_and_legal/Freedom_of_Information_Policy_updated_Oct_%202011.pdf

In the event that you are not content with the outcome of your complaint you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal complaints procedure provided by King's College London.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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