Request Ref: 2890

FOI Request dated **05/06/2023** as follows –

I would like to know what funding the Confucius Institute at University of Hull received between the 2015/16 and 2022/23 financial years, from the following bodies:

- The Chinese government, and its departments, agencies or affiliates (such as the Office of Chinese Language Council International)
- Universities based in China

I want the information to be broken down by financial year. For each year, I would like those bodies that provided funding to be identified, in addition to the amount of funding they provided (for example: 2015/16 - Chinese Ministry of Education - £xxx).

Response

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

It has been determined that some of the information is exempt on the basis that s21 of the Act applies – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test, however in order to provide assistance I provide the following links - www.hull.ac.uk/legal/docs/foi/finance/2603-china-sponsorship-or-funding.pdf & www.hull.ac.uk/legal/docs/foi/finance/2585-confucius-institute.pdf

Please see below table which includes further information not already in the public domain.

Funder	***2016***	***2017***	***2018***	***2019***	***2020***	***2021***	***2022***	***2023 to date***
Tianjin Normal University	98,684.21							
Tianjin Normal University		40,584.42						
Tianjin Normal University			22,058.82					
Tianjin Normal University				16,295.28				

Tianjin Normal University					99,876.80			
Tianjin Normal University						61,067.79		
Tianjin Normal University							50,116.61	
Tianjin Normal University								53,282.22