

Our Ref: 2015/7188

20 OCT 2015

16 October 2015

Mr Mark Parnell MLC
Legislative Council
Parliament House
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Dear Mr Parnell

Re: Freedom of Information Application

I refer to your application made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act) that was received on 17 September 2015.

By email on 6 October 2015, Ms Rachel McLean confirmed on your behalf your agreement to revise the scope of your request to

- “Any correspondence, minutes or finalised reports relating to:*
- a) donations or other in kind support or financial contributions The University of Adelaide received from Taib Mahmud from 1992 to 2008, including any reciprocal commitments, obligations or promises made in relation to those donations and;*
 - b) naming part of the University North Terrace campus as the “Taib Mahmud, Chief Minister of Sarawak Court”*

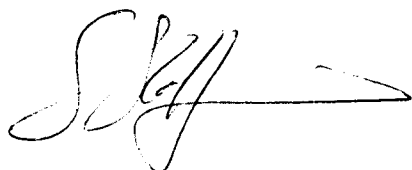
I have determined the documents that fall within the revised scope of your application and that access will be granted in full to the documents listed in the attached document schedule. A copy of the documents is enclosed.

Pursuant to section 20(1) of the FOI Act, I have determined to refuse access to two documents on the basis that they are exempt documents under the following clauses of Schedule 1 of the FOI Act:

- i) Clause 13(1)(a) - *Documents containing confidential material*
The documents contain information in respect of which the University has confidentiality obligations. Disclosure of these documents would found an action for breach of confidence.
- ii) Clause 6(1) – *Documents affecting personal affairs*
The documents contain information concerning the personal affairs of Mr Taib Mahmud, disclosure of which would be unreasonable.

Under section 29 of the FOI Act, you are entitled to apply for internal review of this determination. To make an internal review application, please complete the enclosed application form and send it to the Vice-Chancellor of the University. You have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to request a review.

Yours sincerely

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SUE COPPIN
Freedom of Information Officer

**Freedom of Information
DOCUMENT SCHEDULE**

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Access granted:

Doc #	Date of Doc	Brief description
1	20/12/1993	Extract from Action List for Senior Management Group
2	21/12/1993	Letter from Vice-Chancellor Marjoribanks to Taib Mahmud
3	11/2/1994	Extract from Council Minutes – C/94/1/1 – Vice-Chancellor's Report
4	10/3/1994	Letter from Vice-Chancellor Brown to Taib Mahmud
5	14/8/1995	Letter from Chancellor Scammell, Vice-Chancellor Brown & Alumni Association Chair Medlin to Taib Mahmud
6	28/7/2002	Report from Emeritus Senior Deputy Chancellor Medlin to Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Michael Abbott & Greg Crafter
7	19/9/2006	Letter from Vice-Chancellor McWha to Taib Mahmud
8	20/10/2006	Letter from Vice-Chancellor McWha to Taib Mahmud
9	27/10/2006	Letter from Vice-Chancellor McWha to Taib Mahmud with donation receipt attached
10	2/3/2007	Facsimile from Vice-Chancellor McWha to Taib Mahmud with copies of Documents 7 and 8 above
11	29/10/2007	Letter from Vice-Chancellor McWha to Taib Mahmud
12	16/11/2007	Letter from Private Secretary to Chief Minister to Vice-Chancellor McWha
13	22/11/2007	Letter from Taib Mahmud to Vice-Chancellor McWha
14	8/12/2008	Extract from Council Minutes – Meeting 7/08 – Vice-Chancellor's Report

Access refused – exempt documents:

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15	9/9/2002	Letter from Chancellor Crespigny to Taib Mahmud
16	27/9/2002	Letter from Vice-Chancellor McWha to Taib Mahmud


THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE
SENIOR MANAGEMENT GROUP

Extract from Action List for Senior Management Group Meeting 44/93

Held on 20 December 1993

Present: V/C, DVC (Academic), DVC (Research), Registrar

5.2 GIFT TO UNIVERSITY		F.1816/87
The SMG noted that a distinguished Sarawakian alumnus had given a cheque for \$100,000 to the University of Adelaide which had been received by the Registrar.		
VC	To respond to donor.	


Susan Graebner
Executive Officer, Senior Management Group



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The University of Adelaide

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The Vice Chancellor
Professor Kevin Marjoribanks

21 December 1993

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud
Chief Minister
Kangunan Tunku Abdul Rahman
Kuching
SARAWAK 93502
MALAYSIA

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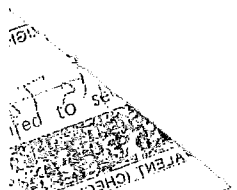
On behalf of The University of Adelaide community, may I express my warmest appreciation to you for your splendid gift to the University.

You will recall that the initial Sarawak gift was used to establish the Australian Centre for Environmental Law, to support the Alumni Association and for other uses in the Law Faculty. I would appreciate it if you could let me know early in the New Year if you have any suggestions about how your present gift might be used. Any suggestions could be taken to the February Council meeting when your gift will be acknowledged. I shall of course, maintain the anonymity relating to the gift.

Once again, may I indicate my warmest appreciation to you for your splendid support of The University of Adelaide.

Sincerely yours,

KEVIN MARJORIBANKS
The Vice-Chancellor



Extract 1994 Council Minutes – C/94/1/1 – Vice-Chancellor's Report

4. GIFT TO THE UNIVERSITY

My predecessor wrote on 21 December to a distinguished Sarawakian alumnus thanking him for a gift of \$100,000 which he indicated would be anonymously acknowledged at the February meeting of Council. Professor Marjoribanks invited the donor to provide suggestions concerning the use of the gift.



THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Professor Gavin Brown, FAA
Vice-Chancellor

10 March 1994

YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Haji Abdul Taib Bin Mahmud
Pejabat Ketua Menteri
Tingkat 22, Wisma Bapa Malaysia
93502, Petra Jaya, Kuching
Sarawak
MALAYSIA

Dear Chief Minister,

I write to confirm the acceptance by the Council of the continued munificence of our Sarawakian Alumni. We have respected your wish to be discreet but assure you of our joy that our long-standing mutual educational and cultural relations have been so harmonious and affectionate.

I am pleased to confirm that the Council has now formally established the "Alumni Relations Trust" as proposed by Dr Medlin in consultation with you and we confidently expect it to achieve the success that you hope for. We are also pleased to be able to tell you that the Premier, Hon. Dean Brown, has now confirmed following his recent overseas visit, that he is "delighted to act as Patron of the Trust."

With our continuing thanks, kindest regards and best wishes.

Yours most sincerely,

GAVIN BROWN
Vice-Chancellor



THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Chancellor's Office

14 August 1995

YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Haji Dr Abdul Taib Bin Mahmud
"Demak' Jaya"
936 Jalan Bako
93050 Kuching
Sarawak
MALAYSIA

Dear Chief Minister and Sarawak Alumni,

We write with profound appreciation to you all for your magnificent gift to assist our Alumni Scholarship Trust.

Our Council at its last meeting asked us to write to you and tell you of its great pleasure in knowing of your continuing personal and familial attachments to the University, to Adelaide and to Australia.

We were all please to meet again with Datuk Amar Laila and with Jamilah and Sean and we all hope that they are now reunited with their family.

We have an inclination to put the funds to an exchange of staff and students between our two countries and we would be pleased to hear of any wishes or expectations that you might have in this particular respect.

With thanks and kindest regards.

Yours most sincerely,

BILL SCAMMELL
Chancellor

GAVIN BROWN
Vice-Chancellor

HARRY MEDLIN
Alumni Association Chair

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

CONFIDENTIAL to Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Michael Abbott & Greg Crafter.

Report to the Chancellor.

1. As I have reported to the Council for its Meeting on 5 August next, I was granted a private interview with the Chief Minister of Sarawak, Yang Amat Berhormat Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Haji Dr Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, at his house 'Demak Jaya', 936 Jalan Bako, 93050 Kuching, Sarawak, East Malaysia on the afternoon of Sunday 14 July 2002.

2. I thanked my friend for the courtesy of the interview and explained that I first wished to re-establish my credentials and that was agreed. We have known each other for quite some decades and my role as the Inaugural Chairman/Chair of the Alumni Association had been exclusively that of 'Friend Raising'. Nevertheless, the Association had paid for itself exactly during my 14 years through subscriptions, donations and the like. I reminded Taib of the 3 occasions (3/12/'87 : 16/12/'93 : 7/7/'95) when he had presented me with cheques of AUS \$100,000 for the University and of the purposes to which they had been put. I also re-established that the first had been put together with matching Sydney University and the Australian National University contributions to the establishing of the Australian Centre of Environmental Law ; small remnants had been used to create the Malaysian Room in Alumni House and the Law School Pediment. Further, I recalled how Taib had specifically asked not to be personally lauded but had wished the Gifts to be seen to come from our Sarawakian Alumni, as was done.

2. I then declared that I had been asked by the Chancellor after discussions with him, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr Michael Abbott QC and the Honourable Greg Crafter to raise with him the contents of a letter from the Chancellor, which letter I then delivered to the Chief Minister. After reading it he asked for my advice. I said first that I had not been consulted regarding the third proposal and indeed did not support it and for at least two reasons. First, it crossed with the third of his former Gifts and, secondly, it seemed to me that that issue was being addressed independently with those reverse Colombo Plan Scholarships. Of the first two proposals, I personally preferred the former for a Chair such as International and Comparative Law to the one in International Politics which might lead anywhere. I believe the Chief Minister to have been favourably impressed and I believe him to have been grateful for the exchange. With respect to the final paragraph regarding 'follow-up' I then suggested that this might well occur at the 'Homecoming in Adelaide' (8-10 Sep. '02) immediately following AUIAC Melbourne. [After some discussion with Michael Abbott I now believe that it would be more appropriate and I therefore propose that the Chancellor and Michael Abbott now visit Kuching in order to negotiate with the Chief Minister and to anticipate some possible Announcement(s) later at that 'Homecoming'.]

3. We then discussed Gifts. I said that to fund and capitalise a Chair in perpetuity required about AUS \$ 4,000,000.00 in my judgement and that a seeding Gift for an agreed appropriately named Chair might be expected to be of the order of AUS \$1,000,000.00. It is an established principle of 'Fund Raising' as I have been taught to understand it that those soliciting should have contributed a like amount and, accordingly, there should be such a second and matching Gift. [Although not discussed at the time, it is a further principle of 'Capital Fund Raising' that something of the order of 60% of the target needs either to have been raised or promised before any open/public Appeal is launched. (This principle, sadly, is often either breached or ignored in this country.) As I now understand the overall situation there is said to be State Government interest and likely involvement in this general area of development at the University. I do not know the quanta likely to be involved but that whole situation needs, in my opinion, to be completely and accurately comprehended and revealed to the Chief Minister by the very latest at the time of the now suggested de Crespigny/Abbott visit to Kuching.]

I believe that I have discharged my duty as requested.

Yours sincerely,

Harry Medlin.
Emeritus Senior Deputy Chancellor.

28 July 2002.



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Our Ref: 2004/1994

19 September 2006

The Right Honourable Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Talb Mahmud
Chief Minister of Sarawak
KUCHING SARAWAK
MALAYSIA

Dear Chief Minister

As discussed at this evening's Heritage Dinner, the University of Adelaide would like you to consider how the University can best acknowledge you in return for your very generous support over many years. You are one of the University's largest benefactors and we would be delighted to recognise your previous gifts in some way. Some possible suggestions about how we might achieve this are as follows:

- (1) We could name the new Chair in Law after you, or
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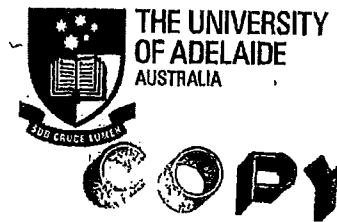
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I thank you for the opportunity to host the Heritage Dinner in your honour and the chance to discuss the possible establishment of a Sarawak Medical Student Exchange/Scholarship Program that I know is dear to your heart.

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Our Ref: F. 2002/2181

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Chief Minister of Sarawak
Tingkat 22 Wisma Bapa Malaysia
Petra Jaya Kuching
SARAWAK 93502
MALAYSIA

Dear Chief Minister

I look forward to meeting with you again on Tuesday evening, 31 October 2006 in Kula Lumpur for the Heritage Dinner I am hosting for our distinguished West Malaysian alumni.

As discussed during your recent visit to Adelaide with Datuk Laila, I am providing a more detailed outline on each of the three options suggested to you regarding the establishment of a Sarawak Health Sciences Exchange Scholarship Program.

The three options presented to you in September were:

(1) PhD Scholarship –

Cost: \$20,000 + \$10,000 for travel and accommodation annually = \$30,000 per annum for at least 5-10 years.

This Scholarship would be advertised to an Australian-based student who would be undertaking research in an area of health related to Sarawak. The recipient would spend 3-6 months undertaking field work in Sarawak under the supervision of an academic from the University of Adelaide. Regular annual reports would be forwarded to the Chief Minister to be used at your discretion. When awarded, the Scholarship would be named after the Chief Minister and the Scholarship details and name of Scholarship would be read out at a graduation ceremony eg the Chief Minister of Sarawak's PhD Health Science Scholarship.

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27 October 2006

The Right Honourable Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud
Chief Minister of Sarawak
KUCHING SARAWAK
MALAYSIA

Dear Chief Minister

It is with much pleasure that I write to thank you for your generous gift of \$100,000 to the University of Adelaide's Heritage Foundation. Our mutual friend, John Kiosoglous MBE, presented your very generous cheque this morning. This donation will enhance the work we need to do to restore, renovate and preserve our University's 39 Heritage buildings and structures.

We very much appreciate gifts from our overseas alumni but you are a very special friend and supporter of the University of Adelaide. I am looking forward to spending more time with you and Laila next Tuesday evening in Kuala Lumpur at our Heritage Dinner.

Thank you very much again for your generosity of spirit and gift to the University of Adelaide's Heritage Foundation. Your contribution to the life of our students, staff and alumni is indeed very rich and very much valued.

Yours sincerely

PROFESSOR JAMES A. McWHA
Vice-Chancellor and President

DONATION RECEIPT

DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI
ABN: 61 249 878 837



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Date: 27/10/2006
Receipt #: 557007203

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Attn: YAB Pehin Sri Dr Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud AO

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Heritage Capital Campaign	\$100,000.00
Gift is anonymous: No	

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED

\$100,000.00

Please retain this receipt for your taxation records



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TO FOR PRIVATE AND PERSONAL ATTENTION OF THE CHIEF MINISTER

FAX NO + 60 82 442 332

FROM VICE-CHANCELLOR

CC JOHN KIOSOGLIOUS MBE

SUBJECT NAMING OF FORECOURT AND SARAWAK SCHOLARSHIPS

DATE 2 MARCH 2007 **PAGES FOLLOWING** 3

REF 2002/2181

Dear Chief Minister

I am aware that you have been in contact with our mutual friend, Mr John Kiosoglous MBE, regarding my correspondence to you last year.

I would be delighted to hear from you with your decisions on:

- (1) The preferred name to be used for the Law Building Forecourt and
- (2) Your preferred option for supporting the Sarawak Health Sciences Exchange Scholarship Program (*I have attached a copy of the letter pertaining to the Program and the 3 options presented to you then*).

As the University's academic year has commenced, we are keen to progress with our discussion on your possible support for this Program. You could either contact me with your decision and I will forward the information on to John Kiosoglous or you could contact John Kiosoglous direct with your response.

I trust you and Laila are currently enjoying good health and happiness? I look forward to the possibility of seeing you again when I am visiting Kuala Lumpur on Friday 13 April – Sunday 15 April 2007 for our Regional Meeting.

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29 October 2007

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Fax: + 60 82 442 332

Dear Chief Minister

Re: Confirmation of name of Law Building Forecourt

I am delighted to confirm that it is the University's pleasure to name the forecourt of the Ligertwood Building the "Taib Mahmud, Chief Minister of Sarawak Court", to recognise your strong affiliation, support and generosity towards your almer mater.

As the above title is a lengthy one, we will be referring to the court as the "Taib Mahmud Court" on all maps and signage, but there will a plaque with the full title (as above) permanently displayed on the Ligertwood Building.

I would be very pleased if you would attend the formal launch of the naming of the Court in 2008. We will be happy to organise a date for the event once you have indicated when you can plan to visit Adelaide for this purpose. Could your office please advise Ms Robyn Brown, our Director, Development and Alumni (Phone: +61 8 8303 4994 or email: robyn.brown@adelaide.edu.au) of a date suitable for you and Laila to attend and we will begin the coordination of the launch?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James A. McWha', written over a horizontal line.

PROFESSOR JAMES A. McWHA
Vice-Chancellor and President

cc Director, Development and Alumni

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16 November 2007

Professor James A. McWha
Vice-Chancellor and President
The University of Adelaide
SA 5005
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(Fax: 00 61 8 8303 4354)

Sir

RE: CONFIRMATION OF NAME OF LAW BUILDING FORECOURT

It is my great pleasure to inform you that The Rt. Hon. Chief Minister of Sarawak, Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud has agreed for the forecourt of the Ligertwood Building to be named "Taib Mahmud, Chief Minister of Sarawak Court". The Chief Minister wishes to express his gratitude and to thank the University of Adelaide for the recognition.

I will liaise with Ms Robyn Brown, for date of formal launch once the Chief Minister indicated his plan to visit Adelaide next year.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely


(MUSTAPA BIN HAN)
Senior Private Secretary to
Chief Minister of Sarawak

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Ketua Menteri

Chief Minister

Sarawak

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22 November 2007

Professor James A. McWha
Vice-Chancellor and President
The University of Adelaide
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(Fax: 00 61 8 8303 4354)

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Dear Prof James McWha,

RE: CONFIRMATION OF NAME OF LAW BUILDING FORECOURT

Thank you very much for your letter of 29 October 2007 on the above.

I am indeed very honoured and have no objection to The University of Adelaide to name the forecourt of the Ligertwood Building after my name.

I am also pleased to accept your invitation to attend the formal launch of the naming of the court in 2008. My office will duly communicate with you on the date of my visit.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely
[Signature]

[PEHIN SRI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD]
Chief Minister of Sarawak

Extract from University Council Minutes – Meeting 7/08 – 8 December 2008

Vice-Chancellor's Report

4.2 Major Events

- We were delighted to welcome our distinguished alumnus Pehin Sri Dr Haji Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, Chief Minister of Sarawak, and his wife Datuk Amar Puan Sri Dr Hajjah Laila Taib to the University on 22 November for a ceremony at which the plaza west of the Ligertwood Building was named the Taib Mahmud Court.