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Our File:
A-2020-00508 / JS2

Dear

This is further to your request made under the *Access to Information Act* (the Act), received on October 19, 2020, for the following:

“Provide copies of all documents, including e-mails, texts or Instant messages, slack messages, WhatsApp messages, memos, briefing notes, media lines, etc., regarding the activities of the Confucius Institute/ Chinese Language and Culture Institute in Canada and the decision to re-brand it (see here: <https://www.tricitynews.com/news/china-has-no-influence-on-coquitlam-schools-say-trustees-as-they-double-down-on-confucius-inst-1.24220451>), since January 1, 2019. (to October 19, 2020).”

In accordance with paragraph 9(1)(a) of the Act, an extension of up to 365 days beyond the original statutory limit is required since the request necessitates a search through a large number of records and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Department.

You are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days of the receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada, 30 Victoria Street, Gatineau, QC, K1A 1H3

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julian Salcedo at (343) 203-2796 or by email at julian.salcedo@international.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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c. c.: Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada