

La Trobe University response to questions from The Australian:

Professor Jianfu Chen has advised that he was nominated and selected for the Thousand Talent plan but has reconfirmed that he declined to join the program.

The University is not responsible for the content on the external websites you quote. Professor Chen has stated that he had no prior knowledge of these publications, nor has he ever been approached for content approval.

La Trobe University has robust processes for monitoring intellectual property and research collaborations.

The University complies with the Foreign Influence Transparency Scheme which includes reporting, as required, to the Attorney-General's Department.

Professor Chen has advised that he was never asked to become a member of the academic committee at the University of International Business and Economics (Beijing) and has never received any payments from UIBE.