

Prepositions

Ref Hsk6 Grammar

鉴于 + Observation , Conclusion —”in light of, in view of”

鉴于 introduces a **consideration that grounds a decision** —”in light of, in view of, seeing that.” It’s formal and official, and opens the sentence.

Structure: 鉴于 + Observation , Conclusion / Suggestion

{zh: 鉴于 |jiàn yú|in view of / 是 |shì|it’s / 紧急 |jǐn jí|an emergency / 情况 |qíng kuàng / , 我们 |wǒ men|we / 应该 |yīng gāi|should / 尽快 |jǐn kuài|as soon as possible / 做出 |zuò chū|make / 决定 |jué dìng|a decision / 。 }

Given it’s an emergency, we should decide as soon as possible.

{zh: 鉴于 |jiàn yú|in view of / 上周 |shàng zhōu|last week’s / 的 |de / 事件 |shì jiàn|incident / , 政府 |zhèng fǔ|the government / 加强 |jiā qiáng|tightened / 了 |le / 安保 |ān bǎo|security / 。 }

In view of last week’s incident, the government tightened security.

Remember: 鉴于 = ”in light of, given that…” (鉴 = ”examine / consider”) —it cites the *basis* for the decision that follows. Formal, official, sentence-opening: 鉴于… , (因此) we should… . It’s the weightier cousin of 由于.

Watch out

- It grounds a *decision/conclusion* on a consideration —heavier and more official than a plain 因为.