



CHINA WTO ACCESSION INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

ALUMNI STORIES

Rafat, please tell us....

Where are you from, and what have you studied before joining the China Programme?

Yemeni/Canadian dual citizen.

I completed my Master of Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford, UK.

Why did you apply to the China Programme?

Yemen was in the final stages of joining the WTO and I wanted to learn more about the organization and how international trade is governed through the WTO.

What kind of work were you assigned to during your internship?

I was part of the Accession Division team where I was assisting in the accession process of several countries at the time as well as doing research.

Looking back, what do you think of your work experience at the WTO, and as participant of the China Programme?

It was a valuable experience that gave me a chance to see the inner workings of the organization and understand the importance of Yemen's accession to the WTO.

What have you done since?

I have joined the Government of Yemen where I worked as a team leader for the policy reforms unit handling business environment and private sector development reforms among other reforms.

Thank you, Rafat!

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