



CHINA WTO ACCESSION INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

ALUMNI STORIES

Nannan, please tell us...

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

I am from China. I studied towards a Master of International and European law before joining the Programme.

Why did you apply to the China Programme?

I have a great passion for international economic and trade law and I feel a strong determination to devote myself to strengthening the participation of developing countries and LDCs in the multilateral trading system and accelerating their steps in joining the WTO. The China Programme offers a great chance to get in touch with the current trade-related issues and gain insights in accession negotiations, which is a perfect match with my expectations.

What kind of work have you been assigned to during your internship so far?

As part of my internship, my tasks include the following:

- Assist and support respective Working Party Secretaries on accession dossiers;
- Assist Working Party Secretaries in processing inputs, preparing meetings, covering meetings by taking notes and drafting reports;
- Assist the Director of the Accessions Division and professional staff in covering meetings and prepare relevant background briefings;
- Assist in preparing the Third China Round Table (substance and logistics); and,
- Contribute to research assigned by my supervisor.

What do you think of your work/experience at the WTO so far?

I really enjoyed working at the WTO. My experience here increases my understanding of the multilateral trading system and international trade law. Surrounded by real-time trade news and issues, insightful thoughts, experienced colleagues as well as interesting conferences and events, I made the most of my internship opportunity.

What's next?

I would like to work as an international trade lawyer.

Thank you, Nannan!

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