

CHINA WTO ACCESSION INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

ALUMNI STORIES

Khusrav, please tell us....

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

I am from Tajikistan and I am also a Russian citizen.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Saint-Petersburg State University in Russia.

For my Masters studies, my focus is on Economics - International Trading System (Saint-Petersburg State University) and International Economic Law and Policy (IELPO, University of Barcelona).

Why did you apply?

The WTO accessions of Tajikistan and the Russian Federation influenced my choice of Masters studies and inspired me to specialize in international trade. I applied to the China Programme to build the foundation for my future career in international trade and development.

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

My internship objectives were set in coordination with professionals of the Accessions Division. During my internship, I:

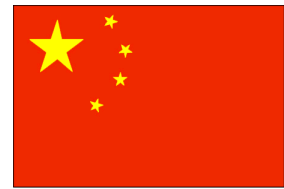
- assisted the Division on accession Working Party dossiers. Specifically, I assisted in the preparation of working documents, including background briefings, speaking notes, memos, reports, roadmaps;
- contributed to publication projects of the Accessions Division through the supply of necessary information and inputs from archival documents, as well as the drafting of concept notes and proposals;
- provided support to the Accessions Division in the organization of technical assistance activities and served as a resource person, e.g. for the "WTO Training Course on Trade in Services for Acceding Governments" in November/December 2016; and

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- expanded my substantive knowledge of WTO and international trade through online E-Learning courses on various subjects.

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

My experience at the WTO, and specifically with the China Programme, was rich and comprehensive. The scope of internship assignments and acquired knowledge were broad in substance and covered a wide range of areas of WTO work. In addition, I attended different lectures and seminars at the WTO to deepen my understanding of the international trading system.

What have you done since?

Currently, I am working, on a short-term basis, as Junior Economic Affairs Officer at the Accessions Division.

My medium term goal is to acquire as much international trade experience as I can. The participation in the China Programme contributed significantly to this goal.

Thank you, Khusrav!