

AUSTRALIA CHINA LEGAL PROFESSION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND PLACEMENTS IN 2007

Mr Chen Dong (Anthony)

Mr Chen works with the Urumqi Legal Aid Centre, Xin Jiang (Xin Jiang is in the far north-west of China). Mr Chen worked for some years in the Urumqi Judicial Bureau supervising the management of law firms and organising the State Judicial Examination and training for lawyers. More recently he has been working in legal aid and is interested in learning about legal aid in Australia and how to improve the delivery of legal aid in China.

Placement: Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre WA. Other placements: WA Legal Aid; Citizens Advice Bureau WA; Pro Bono Resource Centre New South Wales; Robertson Hayles private law firm.

Ms Gao Hui (Grace)

Ms Gao of Xin Jiang Tian Yang Law Firm has worked for six years in company and securities law. She is keen to study corporate governance in Australia. Ms Gao has recently completed a Masters degree with a thesis on directors' civil liabilities.

Placement: Minter Ellison, Melbourne with Andrew Thomson.

Ms Sun Qingnan (Nancy)

Ms Sun is a corporate lawyer working with the Dacheng Law Firm, Shanghai. She has a background in real estate, foreign investments, M&A, corporate finance and labour and employment. She is interested in legal reform in property law.

Placement: Allens Arthur Robinson, Sydney with Mr Jim Dunstan/Mr Jeremy Low

Ms Zeng Fen (Fen)

Ms Zeng is employed by the Beijing Municipal Lawyers Association. Ms Zeng is interested in studying the regulation of the profession in Australia. She is interested in ethics and is keen to improve the image of lawyers in China. Ms Zeng has a Masters in Economic Law.

Placement: Office of the Legal Services Commissioner with Mr Steve Mark. Other placement with the Law Institute of Victoria.

Lawyers participating in the program funded through Australian Leadership Awards – Fellowships

Mr Cai Peng (Darren)

Mr Cai is an intellectual property lawyer with Zhonglun W&D Law firm in Beijing. Mr Cai is keen to learn about intellectual property in Australia including its application and discovery processes and how intellectual property cases are handled by lawyers and the judicial system. Mr Cai has written extensively on intellectual property law in China and is keen to give presentations in Australia on Chinese intellectual property law.

Placement: Deacons, Sydney with Kevin Hobgood-Brown. Visit to IP Australia.

Dr Chen Xuebin

Dr Chen is Managing Partner, Asia-Pacific Great Wall Law Firm and head of a branch office in Shanghai and Nanjing. His firm has an association with 42 other law firms throughout China employing more than 2000 lawyers. Dr Chen's particular area of interest is international law, but he is also interested in foreign investment, banking and finance and international transactions. He has a legal science degree from Bond University.

Placement: Allens Arthur Robinson, Sydney with Mr Jim Dunstan/Mr Jeremy Low

Madam Fu Shuang Ye (Shelley)

Madam Fu is the Chairwoman of Partners of Zhong Hao Attorneys at Law, Beijing. Madam Fu's particular interest is foreign direct investment and practice management. She is keen to meet Australian women lawyers and is happy to address women's groups. She has written extensively on Chinese law and although a lawyer with some years experience, is still a keen legal student.

Placement: Allens Arthur Robinson, Melbourne: Mr Jim Dunstan/Naomi Anderson

Madam Li Xin

Madam Li is Division Director of the International Judicial Cooperation Department of the Supreme Prosecution Service. Madam Li had a significant role in the Human Rights Technical Cooperation program between Australia and the Supreme Prosecution Service. She is keen to visit Australia in particular to undertake a comparative study of the legal systems in relation to public prosecution powers, rights of approving arrests, supervision of judges, supervision of prisoners, how police conduct investigations and government legal supervision of the criminal procedure system.

Placement: Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions New South Wales. Other placements Director of Public Prosecutions ACT; Judicial Commission New South Wales; HREOC; District Court of New South Wales; Commonwealth DPP, Sydney Office.

Mr Xie Yongfa (Yongfa)

Mr Xie is a Divisional Director of the Investment Promotion Division of the Hebei Provincial Department of Commerce. Hebei is the area directly north east of Beijing that is famous for its iron and steel production. Mr Xie is interested in investment both in and out of China and as a government official would like to be in a position to advise on the issues involved. Mr Xie has an MBA from the University of Illinois.

Placement: Clayton Utz Brisbane. Other placements Clayton Utz, Sydney and Perth, visits to Invest Australia, Austrade.

Judge Yang Honglei

Judge Yang is a judge of the Supreme People's Court. He has conducted trials on international civil and commercial cases for nine years. He is interested in the enforcement and recognition of foreign arbitral awards and the resolution of conflict of laws. Judge Yang has a doctorate majoring in private international law.

Placement: Supreme Court of New South Wales. Other placements: Clayton Utz Sydney; District Court of New South Wales; Federal Court (Sydney); Judicial Commission; University of Southern Cross Lismore. Visits to Australian National University; Canberra University.