

Government of Pakistan
Revenue Division
Federal Board of Revenue
(Admn/HR Wing)

C.No.1(12)S(T&D)/2025-26 / **38981-R**

Islamabad, the 7th April, 2026

To,

All Officers of
Federal Board of Revenue

Subject:

**INVITATION FOR CHINA-OECD LLM PROGRAMME ON TAXATION
FROM STA OF CHINA**

I am directed to enclose DG International Taxes letter No.1(2)Int.Taxes.Ops/2019 dated 02.04.2026 on the above noted subject for information of all officers of Federal Board of Revenue.

2. It may be noted that the officers will be required to seek prior permission to apply for the subject Master's degree programme from the competent authority under Delegation of Administrative Powers notified vide Board's Notification No. 1(14)S(T&D)/2021/89581-R dated 01.06.2023. The officers posted in field formations may seek initial NOC from their respective Head (Chief Commissioner/Chief Collector/Director General), and after final selection may seek final NOC/sparability from Admin/HR Wing of FBR. Whereas, FBR (HQ) officers may forward their application for grant of initial NOC to apply for the subject program to Training & Development Section on or before **27.04.2026**.

3. Neither any funds will be provided nor the participant officers be allowed to claim any funds from FBR/Government of Pakistan for the subject training course. Moreover, the conditions stipulated in Training & Development Notifications dated 12.10.2021, 13.02.2023 and 14.09.2023 shall apply.

Encl: As above.


(Ali Raza Khan)
Secretary (Training & Development)

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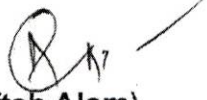
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL
INTERNATIONAL TAXES

Subject: INVITATION FOR CHINA-OECD LLM PROGRAMME ON TAXATION
FROM STA OF CHINA

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith invitation letter alongwith LLM Programme on Taxation Co-hosted by Xiamen University (XMU), OECD, the STA and Ministry of Finance of China. The COTP is a two-year, English taught Master's degree programme designed to equip current and future tax officials and professionals from developing countries with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the fast-evolving field of international taxation.

02. In view of the above, it is requested that LLM Programme may be shared with all the officers in field formation and FBR (HQ) enabling them to avail of this opportunity.


Encl: As above.


(Aftab Alam)
Director General
International Tax Operations

Member (Administration), FBR.

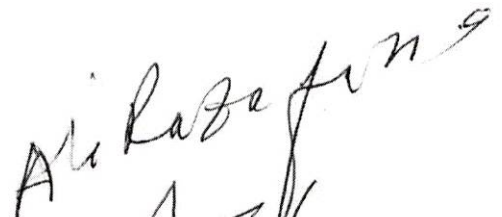
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Invitation for China-OECD LLM Programme on Taxation from STA of China

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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from BRITACOM Secretariat, we hope this mail finds you well. Entrusted by the project organizer, BRITACOM Secretariat is pleased to assist in inviting you to recommend qualified candidates for the China-OECD LLM Programme on Taxation (COTP). Details of this project were presented at 2026 Capacity Building Programme Briefing in January, and further information is available via the link below. <https://www.britacom.org/zt/capbudPlan/>

The specific enrollment details are as follows:

Co-hosted by Xiamen University (XMU), the OECD, the STA, and the Ministry of Finance of China, the COTP is a two-year, English-taught Master's degree programme designed to equip current and future tax officials and professionals from developing countries with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate the fast-evolving field of international taxation.

Since its inception in 2022, the COTP has enrolled 69 Chinese students and 45 international students from 12 developing countries, including Brazil, Cameroon, Nigeria, Uganda, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Indonesia, Tanzania, Egypt, Kenya, Myanmar, and Zimbabwe. In 2026, the programme plans to admit 20 international students, contributing meaningfully to the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Xiamen University, located in the picturesque coastal city of Xiamen—a popular tourist destination—is renowned for its academic excellence and beautiful campus. For more information about the COTP and the university, please refer to the attached newsletter and Q&A document, or visit our official website: [cotp.xmu.edu.cn].

1. Scholarships

All international students admitted to the COTP are fully funded through the MOFCOM Scholarship-CSC Program, which covers tuition, living expenses, airfare, accommodation, and other related costs throughout the

duration of the programme.

2. Application Process

To apply for the COTP and the scholarship, applicants must complete both online and offline procedures:

- Online application is now open at: [<https://studyinchina.csc.edu.cn/>]
- Offline submission will begin in the coming weeks. Applicants must obtain official endorsement from the relevant authorities in their home country and submit the required documents to the Economic and Commercial Counselor's Office (ECCO) of the Chinese Embassy in their country. Applicants are encouraged to prepare the necessary documents in advance to ensure a smooth submission process.

Following embassy review and an interview, qualified applications will be forwarded to Xiamen University. The university will verify the materials, and the Faculty of Law will conduct a one-on-one academic interview to assess the applicant's knowledge of taxation (particularly international taxation) and their capacity to successfully complete the programme. Final admission decisions and official letters of admission will be issued jointly by China's Ministry of Commerce and Xiamen University.

Based on previous years, the application deadline is typically May, but extensions may be granted. For detailed guidance, please consult: [<https://admissions.xmu.edu.cn/info/1038/1851.htm>]


3. Contact Points


- Mr. Zhang Chuanzi, Xiamen University: [zhangchuanzi@xmu.edu.cn] / [cotp@xmu.edu.cn]
- Mr. Guo Jiayin, State Taxation Administration: [gjy@chinatax.gov.cn]

We greatly appreciate your support in sharing this opportunity with potential candidates. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Kind Regards,

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1. Application deadline for COTP 2026 : May 10, 2026

2. the academic and professional eligibility requirements:

2.1 Citizen of a developing country (non-Chinese), under 45 Years old.

2.2 Bachelor's degree or above in law, public finance, taxation, financial management, accounting or other relevant areas.

2.3 With at least three years' working experience.

2.4 English proficiency (IELTS \geq 6.0 / TOEFL \geq 80 or the official language of which is English)

2.5 Good physical and mental health

2.6 Two-year full time study in Xiamen University

3. Selection Process & the relevant application procedures :

3.1 Online application via CSC + Submission offline to be ECCO of Chinese Embassy in host country

3.2 Xiamen University will organize the online Academic interview about the International Tax Law for the eligible candidates.

3.3 Admission Letter will be issued by Xiamen University

4. the tuition fees and any other associated costs:

Length of Program (year): 2 years

4.1 Tuition Fees: 39000 RMB/Year

Notes: Tuition fees are payable in RMB by academic year and do not include textbook fees.

4.2 Accommodation Fees

Around 1100 RMB/Month (electricity and water not included)

4.3 Food

approximately RMB 1,000 to 1,500/month

4.4 Medical Insurance: For the safety of international students in China, according to the regulations of the Chinese Ministry of Education and Xiamen University, international

students are required to purchase medical insurance for an annual fee of RMB 800.

5. the funding arrangements, in particular: availability of the MOFCOM Scholarship or other funding schemes, the costs covered by the scholarship (tuition, accommodation, monthly allowance, international travel, etc.);

MOFCOM Scholarship Coverage:

1. Students are exempt from tuition fee, teaching material fee, research and survey fee, allowance of English-taught program, dissertation guidance fee;

2. Free on-campus accommodation;

3. Monthly stipend:

3000RMB per month per master student,

4. One-off resettlement fee: 3000RMB per person;

5. Free medical insurance for international students;

6. One-time round-trip international airfare for all the students (First time fly to China after enrollment, and Fly back to home country while graduation), and One-time round-trip international airfares for home visits (can be used during winter or summer holiday);

7. The annual review is compulsory for all students. Those who pass the review may continue to enjoy full scholarships in the next year.

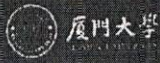
8. Other expenses shall be managed and used by the Ministry of Commerce or the universities as a whole, and shall not be distributed to students. The Ministry of Commerce only provides students with financial assistance within their enrolled academic duration. Students who postpone their graduation will not receive the continuing sponsorship.

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Briefing

on the China-OECD LLM Programme
on Taxation (COTP) – First Half of
2025





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State Taxation Administration of China



中華人民共和國財政部
Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China



China-OECD LLM Programme on Taxation

I. Programme Overview

The China-OECD LLM Programme on Taxation (hereafter referred to as "COTP") is a high-end international talent development initiative jointly established by Xiamen University (XMU), the State Taxation Administration of China (STA), the Ministry of Finance of China (MOF), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Specializing in international tax law under the broader discipline of fiscal and tax law, it offers a Master of Laws (LLM) degree with all courses delivered in English.

As a landmark collaboration between China and the OECD in tax law education, COTP has a clear core objective: to cultivate senior tax management professionals who possess a global mindset, sustained international competitiveness, systematic expertise in international tax law, and practical operational skills. These professionals are expected to adapt to the rapid evolution of international tax rules, excel in both disseminating such rules and applying them to address theoretical and practical challenges in international taxation. Ultimately, the Programme aims to supply specialized talent to support tax governance in China and across the globe.



China-OECD LLM Programme on Taxation

II. Student Recruitment: Rigorous Multi-Dimensional Assessment & Diverse Structure for Quality Assurance

Since its official enrollment launch in 2022, the COTP has adhered to the principle of "high standards and strict screening" in building its recruitment system. To date, it has admitted 4 cohorts totaling 114 students, with a student body characterized by both "professionalism" and "internationalization".

1. Overall Student Composition



1) Chinese Students (69 in total)

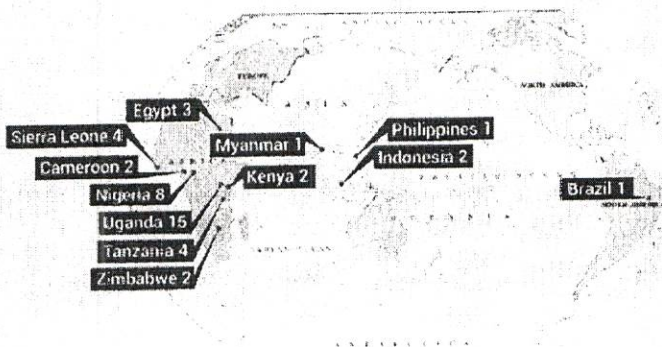
Comprising two core groups:

A. 37 in-service officials from China's tax system (14 from the 2023 cohort, 13 from 2024, and 10 from 2025), with extensive practical tax experience.

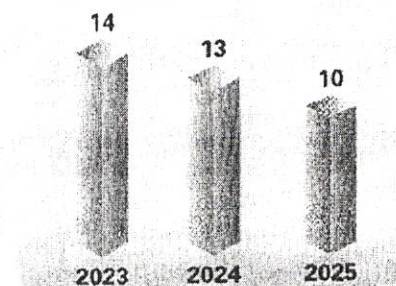
B. 32 outstanding candidates, including recent graduates and other qualified applicants, admitted through the National Postgraduate Entrance Examination or Xiamen University's Summer Camp Recommendation Programme, boasting solid academic foundations.

2) International Students (45 in total)

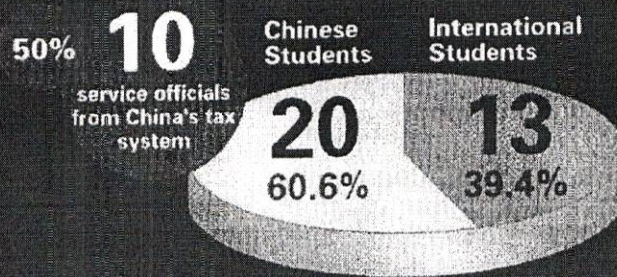
All are in-service tax officials from 12 developing countries across Asia, South America, and Africa, with concentrated and representative geographical distribution: Uganda (15), Nigeria (8), Sierra Leone (4), Tanzania (4), Egypt (3), Zimbabwe (2), Cameroon (2), Kenya (2), Indonesia (2), Brazil (1), the Philippines (1), and Myanmar (1).



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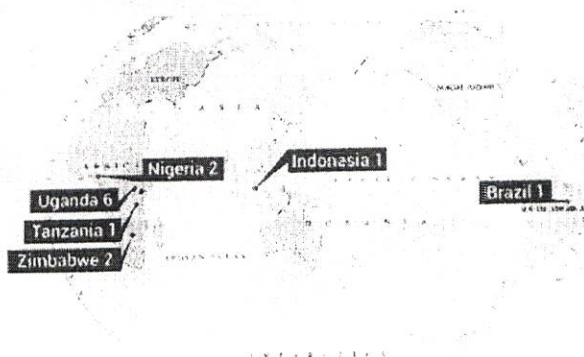
2025 Cohort Enrollment

2.2025 Cohort Enrollment

The 2025 cohort admits 33 students, continuing the "balanced Chinese-international ratio and integration of practical and academic backgrounds" feature:

A.20 Chinese students (including 10 in-service tax officials, accounting for 50%).

B.13 international students (Uganda: 6, Nigeria: 2, Zimbabwe: 2, Brazil: 1, Indonesia: 1, Tanzania: 1), further strengthening talent cooperation with tax authorities of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) partner countries.



International students in 2025

3.Rigorous Selection Mechanism

Differentiated assessment criteria are applied to Chinese and international applicants to ensure quality:

1)Chinese Applicants

A.Admission via the National Postgraduate Entrance Examination, which focuses on assessing applicants' ability to apply professional knowledge, logical thinking, and problem-solving skills to build a solid academic foundation.

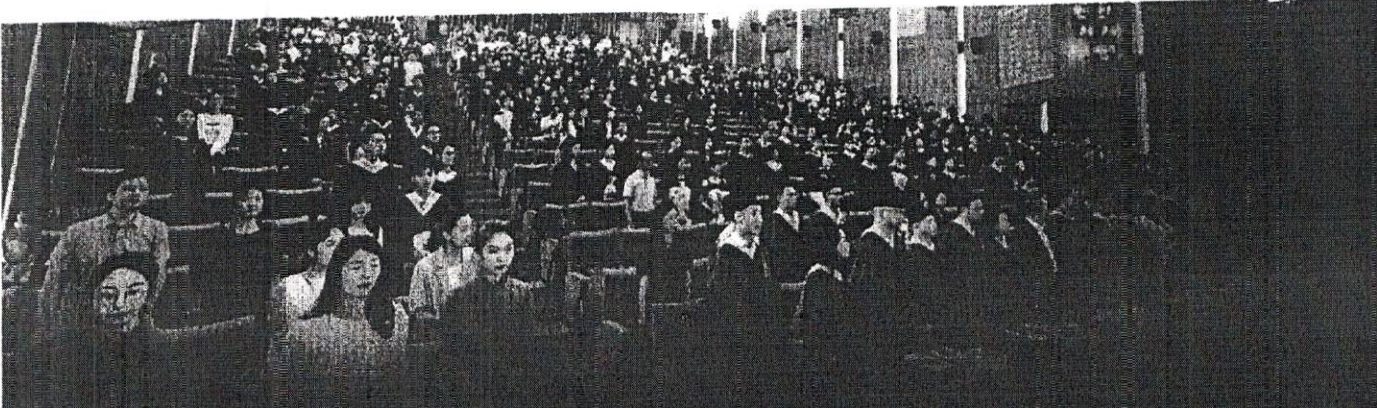
B.For the Summer Camp Recommendation Programme, a comprehensive evaluation (academic lectures + professional written tests + interviews) is conducted to assess academic potential, foreign language proficiency, and overall competence, ensuring the selection of high-caliber academic-oriented candidates.

2)International Applicants

A.A two-stage assessment: document review and English-language professional interview.

a)Document review focuses on academic background, work experience, and alignment with the Programme's research focus.

b)The English interview evaluates foreign language communication skills, understanding of international tax law, and the scientific rigor, innovation, and practical relevance of research proposals. This ensures international students can quickly adapt to the English-taught curriculum while bringing diverse international perspectives to the Programme.



III. Academic Progress: Standardized Thesis Defense & High-Quality Employment Outcomes

1. Master's Thesis Defense

From May 29 to June 5, 2025, the COTP organized the 2025 Master's Thesis Defense, with 43 students (including 14 international students) participating—covering Chinese students from the 2022 cohort and both Chinese and international students from the 2023 cohort. Combined with 10 international students (from Egypt, Kenya, Uganda, Sierra Leone, etc.) who completed their defenses on June 8 and July 9, 2024, a total of 53 students from the 2022 and 2023 COTP cohorts successfully passed their defenses, achieving a 100% pass rate.

To ensure the professionalism and authority of the defense evaluation, a high-level thesis defense committee was formed, consisting of 11 senior experts:

1) In-house experts (6): Professor Yansheng Zhu, Associate Professor Qinghui Cai, Associate Professor Dongmei Qiu, Associate Professor Zongtao Wang, Assistant Professor Xiaohui Li (all from Xiamen University Law School) and Associate Professor Wensheng Lin, from Xiamen University School of Economics.

2) External Supervisors (5): Professor Li Du (Fudan University School of Economics), Professor Yingfeng Long (Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance Law School), Professor Zhu Xiaodan (School of Marine Law and Humanities, Dalian Ocean University), Associate Professor Ting Gong (Sun Yat-sen University Law School), and Associate Professor Hanlong Hong (Fuzhou University Law School). This diverse panel covers perspectives from academia and practical fields.

The defense followed a strict process: student presentation → committee questioning → student response → committee deliberation. Thesis topics focused on cutting-edge international tax issues and practical pain points, such as "Dispute Resolution under the Global Anti-Base Erosion (GloBE) Rules", "VAT Administration for Cross-Border Digital Services", and "The Impact of the OECD Two-Pillar Solution on Developing Countries"—fully reflecting the Programme's "theory-in-practice" educational philosophy.





1) Graduation Ceremony Highlights

On the afternoon of June 27, 2025, the 2025 Graduation Ceremony of Xiamen University Law School was held, with 43 COTP graduates attending in academic regalia. Among them, OWINY MARK ANTHONY, an in-service tax official from the Uganda Revenue Authority, spoke as the international student representative, sharing his learning experience in China and insights on international tax cooperation.

Jia Yin Guo, Deputy Director of the International Cooperation Division of the International Department at STA, and Song Yue, Vice President of the Tax Institute of STA, attended as representatives of partner institutions and presented COTP completion certificates to graduates—marking the official conclusion of the students' "academic training + practical empowerment" dual-phase studies.

management and policy research.

B. Professional Services (5 employers): 5 graduates joined international "Big Four" accounting firms and renowned law firms, including PwC Consulting (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., Deloitte Tax Services (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. Beijing Branch, Ernst & Young (China) Consulting Co., Ltd. Beijing Branch (tax consulting), Beijing Dacheng Law Firm, and Shanghai L&Y (Guangzhou) Law Firm (tax-law services). These roles are highly aligned with international tax law expertise, supporting graduates' growth into high-end tax consulting professionals.

C. Enterprises (5 employers): 5 graduates joined leading enterprises in new energy, technology, and manufacturing, such as Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited (CATL, tax management), Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. (compliance & risk control), China Banknote Printing and Minting Corporation (financial & tax management), Zhejiang Cainiao Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd. (tax compliance), and Shanghai Mihoyo Haiyuancheng Technology Co., Ltd. (legal-tax integration). These positions meet enterprises' demand for international tax talent while providing graduates with broad industry practice platforms.

D. Judiciary (3 employers): 3 graduates entered the judiciary and disciplinary inspection fields, contributing to the advancement of the rule of law.



2) Employment of Graduates

The 2025 cohort has 29 Chinese graduates, whose employment spans four sectors (taxation & government, professional services, enterprises, and judiciary) across 29 employers, with high professional alignment and job quality. Details are as follows:

A. Taxation & Government Sector (12 employers): 10 graduates returned to their original positions in China's tax system, leveraging the synergy of practical experience and professional knowledge; 2 joined government agencies to engage in organizational





IV. Teaching Management: Diversified Faculty Support & Curriculum

1. Faculty Composition

During the Spring Semester (February-June 2025) and Summer Semester (June-July 2025) of the 2024-2025 academic year, nearly 40 faculty members delivered English-taught courses for the COTP. The faculty is drawn from "universities + government + international organizations + practical institutions", forming a complementary teaching team:

1) Core Faculty from Xiamen University

Mainly composed of teachers from the Centre for International Taxation and Comparative Tax Law at Xiamen University (CITACT-XMU), including Professor Yansheng Zhu (Director of COTP), Associate Professor Dongmei Qiu, Associate Professor Qinghui Cai and Assistant Professor Xiangdan Luo. These experts

have long focused on international tax treaty, transfer pricing management, tax anti-avoidance investigation, international taxation cooperation and digital economy taxation, ensuring the academic depth of the courses.

2) Practical External Faculty

Including frontline experts from STA (interpreting China's latest tax policies and administration practices), officials from the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration (CTPA, sharing updates on international tax rule-making), partners from "Big Four" accounting firms (teaching practical tax consulting cases), professors from overseas universities, and corporate tax executives. This provides students with three-dimensional teaching content integrating "theory + practice + international perspective".





2. Core Curriculum

The Programme's curriculum is designed around "core competencies in international tax law". For the 2024 cohort, the Spring and Summer Semester courses balance foundational knowledge and cutting-edge content, as shown below:

Course Name	Credits	Semester	Target Cohort
VAT (GST) and Its International Aspects	3	Spring	2024
International Tax Treaty Law (I)	3	Spring	2024
International Tax Treaty Law (II)	3	Spring	2024
International Tax Administration Assistance and Cooperation	2	Spring	2024
Transfer Pricing (I)	2	Spring	2024
Tax Issues on Corporate Merger and Acquisition	1	Summer	2024
Carbon Taxation and Wealth Tax	1	Summer	2024
Chinese Tax Administration	1	Summer	2024



V. International Organization Internships: Connecting to Global Platforms & Expanding International Practice

As a core component of the COTP Programme's "international training", the OECD provides internship opportunities at its headquarters for students, in accordance with the *Memorandum of Understanding on COTP* signed by China and the OECD. Additionally, the Programme actively expands other international practice channels, establishing a "internship + visiting study" dual-track model.

1. Internships at the OECD Headquarters

Since 2025, the Programme has formally established an "annual selection mechanism": 4 students are sent to the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration (CTPA) at its headquarters in Paris, France, in two batches per year, with each internship lasting 3 months. The two 2025 batches have been successfully implemented:

A. January-March 2025: Jinlan Wu and Lingyan Xu (Chinese students from the 2022 cohort).

B. April-June 2025: SANTOS JOHN TERRY (Philippines)

and MAKMOT VICTOR PHILIP OYENA (Uganda) (international students from the 2023 cohort).

2. Visiting Studies at Overseas Universities

From January to March 2025, Luyao Tang and Pengyao Wu (Chinese students from the 2023 cohort) conducted visiting studies at the Austrian and International Tax Law Centre of the Vienna University of Economics and Business. Under the guidance of the Centre's professors, they conducted research on cutting-edge international tax law topics, further enhancing their international academic perspective and professional research capabilities.

Furthermore, Canchang Zhao (from the 2022 cohort) previously completed an internship at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Through multi-channel international practice resources, the Programme builds a "bridge from classroom to global stage" for students, helping them develop global tax governance literacy.







VI. Academic Exchanges & Extracurricular Development: Diverse Activities to Broaden Horizons & Award-Winning Performances

1. High-Level Seminars & Expert Lectures

On April 14, 2025, a COTP thematic seminar was held at the Siming Campus of Xiamen University, bringing together important Chinese and international guests to provide suggestions for the Programme's development:

A. Participants: Daoshu Wang (Vice Commissioner of STA), Pascal Saint-Amans (Former Director of the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, Professor at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland), Rong Zhang (Secretary of the CPC Xiamen University Committee, Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences), Professor Chen Peng, Dean of the Law School of Xiamen University, Professor Liao Yixin, Director of the Center for International Tax Law and Comparative Taxation of Xiamen University, and Professor Zhu Yansheng, Director of the COTP; Chaopeng Wu (Member of the CPC Xiamen University Standing Committee, Vice President) presided over the seminar.

B. Core Topics: Participants conducted in-depth discussions on enhancing academic exchanges, academic research, resource sharing, and multi-party cooperation, clarifying the Programme's future optimization directions.

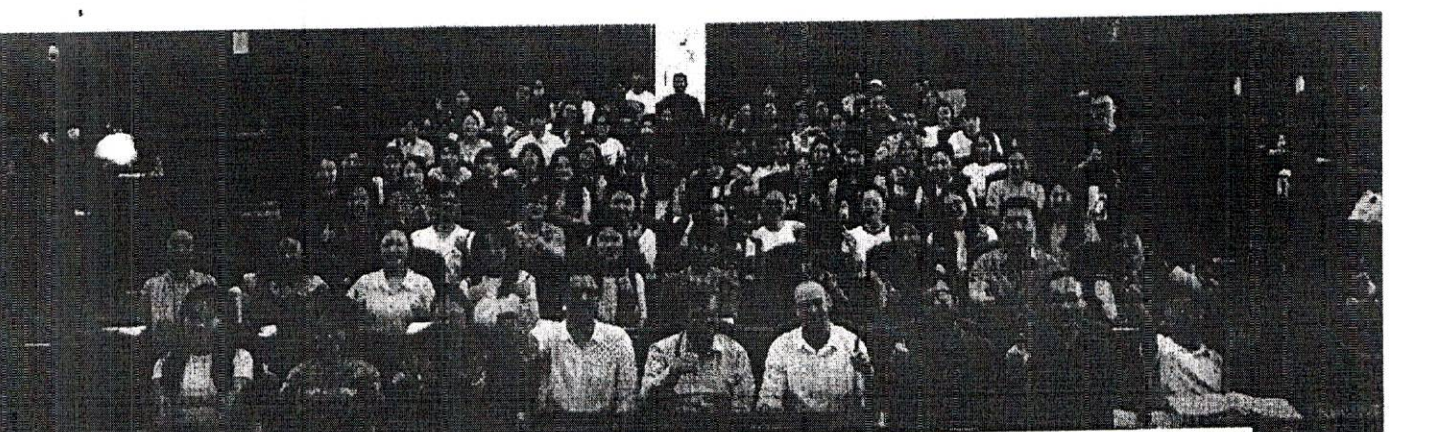
After the seminar, Pascal Saint-Amans and Daoshu Wang were invited to deliver special lectures to all COTP students:

A. Pascal Saint-Amans gave a lecture titled "International Tax Cooperation in a Fragmented World", in-depth analyzing challenges and solutions for tax cooperation amid complex global conditions.

B. Daoshu Wang focused on the "Belt and Road Initiative Tax Administration Cooperation Mechanism", elaborating on China's active practices and important contributions to promoting tax cooperation among BRI partner countries.

Both lectures were delivered in English with interactive Q&A sessions, providing a knowledge feast for teachers and students. Students raised questions





based on their national tax work or research focus, fostering in-depth academic interaction:

2. 12th International Tax Law Summer School: Deepening Professional Knowledge

In July 2025, the 12th National Summer School on International Tax Law of Xiamen University was successfully held at the Law School. The 6-day event attracted participants from over 40 domestic and foreign universities, as well as 30+ practical institutions (including accountants, tax advisors, lawyers, corporate finance/legal professionals, and tax officials), serving as a key academic exchange platform in the field of international tax law.

The summer school featured a diverse and professional faculty: researchers from the Austrian and International Tax Law Centre of the Vienna University of Economics and Business delivered systematic courses; experts including Professor Yansheng Zhu (Director of COTP) and Zhiyong Zhang (Former President of the China International Taxation Research Institute) gave keynote lectures on cutting-edge international tax trends and practical cases.

All Chinese and international students from the 2024 COTP cohort participated, and through "course learning + case studies + expert exchanges", they updated their knowledge of the latest international tax law research and practical experience, further solidifying their professional foundation for future academic research and practical application.

3. Student Competitions & Honors

In the first half of 2025, COTP students excelled in academic competitions and comprehensive competency evaluations, securing multiple prestigious honors:

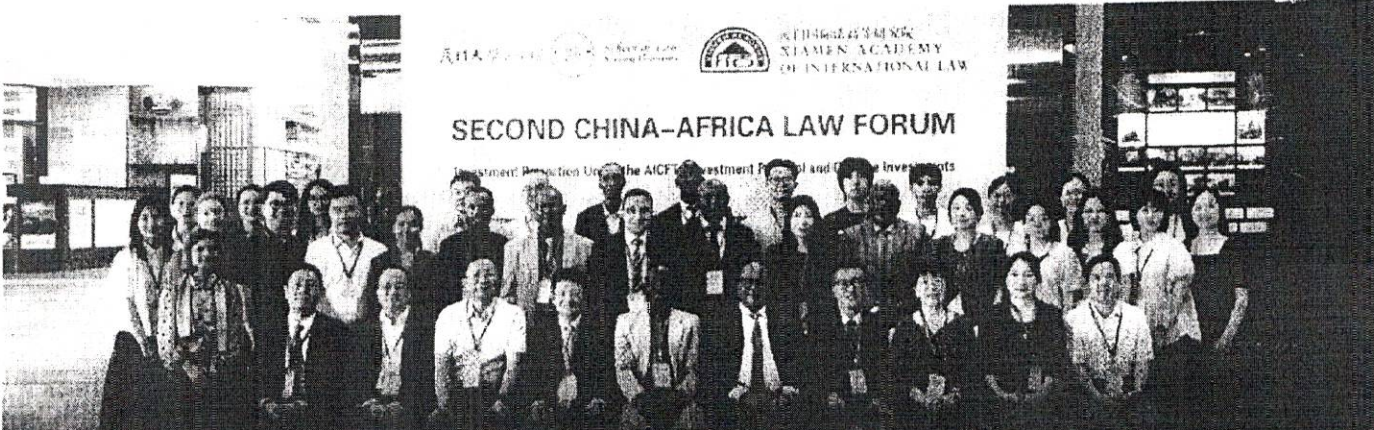
1. Global Competence Recognition

Bingqing Yu (2024 cohort) was selected to join the 2025 "Global Competence Youth Camp" at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. She engaged with over 400 faculty and students from 35 domestic and international institutions—including Peking University, Tsinghua University, and Fudan University—and delivered an English keynote titled "Stronger Partnerships for Global Tax Reform". Yu stood out as one of the few campers to win dual awards: the "Outstanding Camper Award" and "Best Poster Award." Her success underscores COTP students' strength in cross-cultural communication and research on global issues.



2. Fiscal & Tax Law Scholarship

Junrui Zhou (2024 cohort) received the 10th Xiamen University "Tuowei" Fiscal & Tax Law Scholarship, in recognition of her performance at the "12th Asia-Pacific Corporate M&A Simulation Competition." At the competition, her team earned the "Best Written Submission Award," while Zhou personally took home the "Outstanding Performance Award."



VII. Engaging Social Practice Initiatives

1. 2nd China-Africa Legal Forum: Showcasing Professional Communication Skills

From June 27–28, 2025, the 2nd China-Africa Legal Forum took place in Xiamen. Co-hosted by Xiamen University Law School and the Xiamen Academy of International Law, and organized by bodies including the African Institute of International Law (Arusha), the forum focused on *"Investment Protection Under the AfCFTA Investment Protocol & Chinese Investment"*. It brought together over 50 experts, scholars, and practitioners from academic, legal, and government sectors across China and Africa.

A key highlight saw Owiny Mark Anthony (2023 cohort, serving tax official at Uganda Revenue Authority) join the "China-Africa Bilateral Legal Cooperation" panel. Drawing on his on-the-ground tax experience and COTP learning, Anthony offered practical perspectives on cross-border investment tax collaboration—exemplifying the professional expertise and cross-cultural communication skills of COTP students in international legal dialogues.

2. Shanxi Field Research Tour: Blending Tax Practice with Cultural Immersion

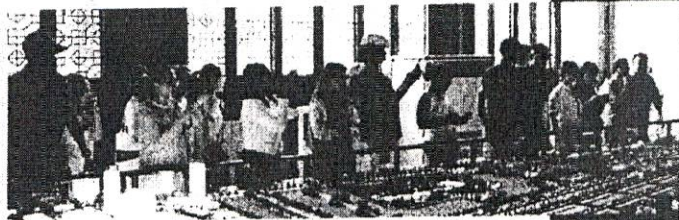
From July 13–19, 2025, COTP organized 28 Chinese and international students for a Shanxi Province field research tour, centered on two pillars: "tax practice" and "cultural heritage":

1) Tax & Corporate Site Visits

A. Students hosted a seminar titled "Tax Pathways: Navigating Shanxi" at the Xiaodian District Tax Bureau

(Taiyuan, State Taxation Administration) and toured its smart tax service center—gaining first-hand exposure to China's smart tax system development.

B. They conducted in-depth visits to leading sector representatives, including Zhiqi Railway Equipment Co., Ltd., Shanxi Xinghuacun Fenjiu Group, Shanxi Yuncheng Plate Making Group, and Yabao Pharmaceutical Group. These visits provided insights into operational models and real-world tax management across industries.



2) Cultural Exploration

Students visited iconic cultural sites such as Jinci Museum, Shanxi Museum, and Qiao Family Compound—immersing themselves in Shanxi's rich historical and cultural legacy.

Additionally, during the "Tax Pathways: Navigating Shanxi" seminar's overseas investment tax policy segment, COTP students from Uganda and Nigeria shared insights into their home countries' investment landscapes, tax frameworks, and investment-related tax risks (based on their professional backgrounds). This offered actionable guidance for Chinese enterprises "going global" and fostered two-way tax information exchange between China and partner nations.

VIII. Promotion & Outreach: Authoritative Media Coverage to Amplify Programme Impact

In the first half of 2025, COTP ramped up promotion around key highlights: "international talent development outcomes," "international organization internships," and "Shanxi social practice." Coverage appeared in leading authorities including People's Network, China Daily Online, and China Tax News.



1. "Exploring Global Frontiers, Engaging in International Organizations: How COTP Students Bridge China & the World"

This piece focused on lectures by international organization experts, international internships, and overseas study trips—providing a holistic view of COTP's success in international talent development.

(Author: Xiaoqing Dong, Xiamen University)

2. "Building a 'Global Classroom' for Tax Talent: A Recap of the China-OECD LLM Programme Graduation Ceremony"

Using the 2025 graduation ceremony as a lens, the article outlined COTP's training model and graduate career trajectories.

(Author: He Jiang, China Tax News Agency)



3. "Shanxi Tax Bureau Hosts Policy Seminar for 'Going Global' Enterprises"

This report highlighted COTP students' role in the Shanxi tour's overseas investment tax policy segment—spotlighting international students as bridges for Chinese enterprises entering African markets.

(Author: Jin Yang, Shanxi Provincial Tax Bureau)

This media coverage not only shared COTP's educational achievements with the public but also boosted its reputation in domestic and global tax education circles. It lays a strong foundation for attracting top-tier students and deepening future collaborations.

IX. Future Outlook

In the first half of 2025, COTP made steady progress across student recruitment, academic management, academic exchanges, international internships, and social practice. With support from China's State Taxation Administration, Ministry of Finance, OECD, and Xiamen University, the programme will continue to be committed to nurturing high-caliber international talent for the global tax sector, driving high-quality programme development, and contributing more to China's role in global tax governance and the advancement of international tax cooperation.

