

WTS summer class wraps up in the heat

“*Teaching is a way of learning*” (in Chinese “*教学相长*”), says the Book of Rites, one of the classical works of Confucianism that collects the descriptions of ritual matters dated over two thousand years ago.



Opening Ceremony

One hundred and ten academic and professional members, comprising tax managers, teachers, tax consultants, and tax cadets from different parts of China attended the six-day International Taxation Summer Class in Xiamen city of China, co-hosted by WTS China and the Law Faculty of Xiamen University last week.

Four seasoned lecturers from the Vienna University of Economics and Business were invited to provide advice and invaluable insights into the professional adventures in the tax jurisdictions.

Class in action

The summer class, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, was inaugurated by Professor Liao Yixin. The keynote speeches were delivered by Mr. Zhang Zhiyong, former deputy head of State Taxation Administration (STA) and the president of China International Taxation Research Institute (CITRI), and Mr. Martin Ng, managing partner of WTS China.

“There’s something about the soft skills in dealing with tax cases that electrifies you and elevates you”, said Mr. Zhu Yansheng, an international taxation expert and a professor at the Law Faculty, Xiamen University.

“The process of investigation and due diligence is what counts, but not the results”, added Mr. Zhu.



Technical exchanges

The summer class features a selection of international taxation topics, from tax treaties, anti-avoidance rules, permanent establishment issues, dispute resolution rules, to base erosion and profit sharing (BEPS) plans. The class also offers a unique three-month study opportunity at Vienna University in Austria to a participant who excels in the examination at the end of the whole course.

