

## GRADUATION CEREMONY 21 JULY 2018



The Law School is proud to announce that the third batch of our international students graduated on 21 July 2018.

Successful students from Year 14Q, clad in their finest and adorned with capes and graduation hats, received the University's full recognition of their academic achievements, and were awarded the Bachelor of Laws degree in International Law. It was a day of pride and joy not only for the graduates, but for their friends and family members who came from far and wide to attend. And of course, all of the staff of the Law School shared in that too.



Diana with her certificate



Memory the prize-winner

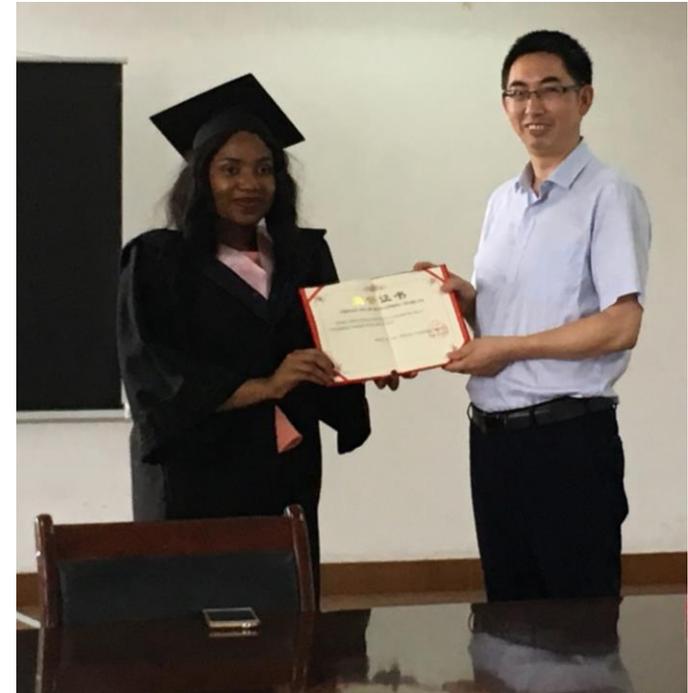
The University's official graduation event was supplemented by a special Law School event. Vice-Dean Professor Song Jie presented certificates to five outstanding graduates who achieved academic excellence throughout their years of study here:

- \* *Diana Sicevaia* (Moldova)
- \* *Tinotenda Patience Doma* (Zimbabwe)

- \* *Charles Asamoah Owusu* (Ghana)
- \* *Donald Tatenda Rushambwa* (Zimbabwe)
- \* *Memory Rutendo Moyo* (Zimbabwe)



Donald with his certificate



Tinotenda the prize-winner

Three students gave speeches on behalf of the graduates of 14Q:

- \* *Charles Asamoah Owusu* (representing the prize-winners)

\* *Yvette* Tinomudaishe Mutemeri (as the Monitor of 14Q)

\* *Kundai* Blessing Mpiwa (as 14Q's active representative in cultural and sports activities)



*Charles, prize-winner and orator*



*Yvette, class Monitor*



*Kundai, extra-curricular activities champion*

We will let some of our new graduates have the final words, sharing their joy and pride:

‘It seems like yesterday that I came to Gongshang ... the adrenaline that you get knowing you are at university and have to work to become something. It wasn’t all roses but I made it. One thing my family told me is ‘it will be tough but even if something happens, get up dust yourself off and continue’. I’ve lived by that motto. I aim for everything, I wanted be the best, I tried to do what I’m good at. And today, here I am with a Bachelor of Laws degree in International Law! I am still going. I am aiming at being the best. Thank you Gongshang for the moments, the education and the lesson learned it has been a pleasure!’

-*Yvette Mutemeri* (Zimbabwe)

‘Studying in China was one of my greatest wishes. When I received an email letter confirming that I was admitted to Zhejiang Gongshang University I couldn’t believe that the following four years I would be living out my dreams! During the four years here, my classmates and I had plenty of ups and downs. Like struggling to pass the exams, like manging family issues and studies. Some classmates were homesick and wanted to drop out and return home. It wasn’t easy, but we’ve made it. We were the ones coming to class on time, submitting our assignments in before the deadlines, passing our exams, participating in school activities. All these created the memories that we will definitely share with our friends and family members. We are really grateful to this University for giving us opportunities to build ourselves as persons with strong personalities.’

- *Diana Sovionok* (Moldova)

‘When I left my home country I was excited about being as far away from home as possible. I wanted freedom, I’ve really experienced being free here in China at this school. But freedom comes with responsibility. No-one ordered me about during my stay, but I had to push myself. Including in making sure I had a life apart from school. I did not encounter a lot of difficulties but it was not easy. In the end, I got what I wanted, a Bachelor’s degree in Law. What I know is that you can be anything that you want in this world as long as you have a willing heart.’

- *Josephine Mutsa Chawanika* (Zimbabwe)

‘The journey of a 1000 miles begins with a single step. Mine began in 2014. It was not an easy road but I managed to come out victorious. Many think it is fate that makes one graduate, but one has to work hard and go the extra mile. For me going the extra mile and doing further reading made me reach this milestone. I would like to thank all my professors, my

supervisor Professor Linton, Vice-Dean Song Jie and Professor Hannah. They made our lives easier and they are trying to make it better for future generations. Congratulations to all who graduated and I hope the desires of your heart is granted and best wishes on you future endeavours. To the others who haven't graduated, keep on working hard and you will make it in life.'

- *Donald Rushambwa (Zimbabwe)*

'Have dreams, but have goals, life goals. To achieve these goals, you must apply discipline and consistency every day. You have to work at it every day. You have to plan every day. You've heard the saying "We don't plan to fail; we fail to plan." Hard work works. Working really hard is what successful people do. Remember, just because you're doing a lot more doesn't mean you're getting a lot more done. Continue to strive, continue to have goals, continue to progress and anything you want good, you can have. Claim it, work hard to get it, when you get it, reach back, pull someone else up. Each one teach one. Don't just aspire to make a living. Aspire to make a difference. Obama once said, "Don't just get involved. Fight for your seat at the table. Better yet, fight for a seat at the head of the table."'

- *Charles Owusu (Ghana)*



*14Q Family Photo*