

Interview with:

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What influenced you to enter the accountancy profession and why did you decide that ACCA was the qualification for you?

To become a recognized international qualified auditor was my dream since I started my university study, and ACCA is the first and most famous international professional body entering China, so ACCA became my choice.

What would you say are the main benefits you have received as a result of gaining the ACCA Qualification?

ACCA improved my capacity to get information, make analyses and decisions and improve my professional judgement. ACCA gave me the confidence to face any type of challenge.

Please provide highlights of your career to date detailing employers, positions you have held, your career progression and how you got to where you are now?

1989 – 1997, Director, Audit Department, China National Audit Office

1998 – 2005, Deputy Director General, Training Centre, China National Audit Office

2006 – now, Deputy Director General, General Office, China National Audit Office

What has been the most memorable point in your career?

The most memorable moment in my career is the time my students got the prize from ACCA. Since 1997, I devoted myself to promoting ACCA in China, up to now, more than 4,000 students and young people have benefited from my contribution. I am proud of my guidance and support to young people.

What would you say are the two main ways in which the progression of the profession in China has contributed to your career success?

The first is to be well known by the public. People understand the professionals like us are able to give them advice and suggestions. Another way is to make the communication and cooperation between professionals become possible. We could learn each other and share experiences.

What are your personal goals for the future?

Make more contribution to my country and the profession.

How do you think the role and profile of the Chinese profession has changed over the past 20 years?

There are significant changes over the past 20 years in the accountancy and auditing profession. Nowadays accounting is a popular major in university, and auditing is well known in China. Accounting and auditing involve not only recording and calculating, but also corporate governance, internal control and management. The support provided by accounting and auditing makes governance and management in China more effective and efficient.

What part has the profession played in China's overall economic prosperity?

Accounting and Auditing plays an important role in many areas to enhance the economic prosperity of China.

What developments would you like/expect to see in the profession in the next 20 years?

I hope all young people have the opportunity to know what 'a professional' means. We shall do as much as we can to support young people in gaining professional education, and become the backbone of this country.

In what way can ACCA contribute to the future success of China?

ACCA can be the bridge, bring new ideas and up-to-date professional information to China, and bring confident young professionals to the world.