

ZHEJIANG PROVINCE WEST LAKE FRIENDSHIP AWARD 2018



Governor Yuan Jiajun and Vice Governor Wang Wenxu with the award winners of 2018 in the North Hall of the Zhejiang Provincial Great Hall of the People

Zhejiang Province's ceremony to bestow the 21st round of the prestigious West Lake Friendship Award took place on 30 October 2018 at the People's Congress Hall, Zhejiang Provincial Great Hall of the People in Hangzhou. The awards are to recognise those international experts who come to work in Zhejiang Province, and who have made exceptional contributions to her development and growth. Out of 1000 nominees this year, 50 persons were chosen. Zhejiang Gongshang University's Professor Suzannah Linton was very fortunate to be among them.

The prize-winners come from industry, science, technology and the educational sector and they hail from seventeen countries around the world. Professor Linton holds the position of Distinguished Professor in the International Law Department of the the Law School, teaching mostly international law students on the Bachelors programme in International Law. 'I first came here in 2012 to teach as a visiting professor', she said, 'and one thing has led to another. . . 6 years on, I have received this immense honour from Zhejiang Province'. 'And of course, it is the

University that first nominated me for consideration...‘I am moved, and honoured, on so many levels’, she added. ‘I sincerely thank my wonderful colleagues, particularly Vice-Dean Song Jie and Professor Yu Yanning who have made me very welcome here, and all those who have provided the support and care to enable me to work in the way that has led to this award’.

The President of Zhejiang Gongshang University, Professor Chen Shoucan, congratulated Professor Linton on receiving the award. He said that it was very suitable recognition of her hard work and special contribution to the Law School and the University. ‘In fact, our students have directly informed me about her exceptional support to them, the way that she has made their studies meaningful, and helped them develop positively in many different ways’. ‘We are proud of Professor Linton’, Professor Chen said.



Professor Linton with her medal and Award certificate