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Born in Shanghai, China, on 15 September 1955.

B.A., Beijing Foreign Language Studies University (1980); Diploma of International law, Beijing University, Department of Law (1982); LL.M., Columbia University School of Law (1983); J.S.D., Columbia University School of Law (1995).

Professor at Wuhan University School of Law. Vice-President and Board member, Chinese Society of International Law. Vice-President, Chinese Society of Private International Law. Associate, *Institut de droit international* (2005). Member, *Institut de droit international* (since 2009). President, Asian Society of International Law (2009-2011). Member of the Curatorium of the Hague Academy of International Law (2010-2016). Honorary Doctor of Law, Macau University (2013). Member of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport (since 2014).

Entered the Foreign Ministry of China (1980). Deputy Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1994-1999). Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1999-2003). Ambassador of China to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Permanent Representative of China to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (2003-2008). Ambassador to ASEAN, Legal Counsel of the Ministry, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China (2008-2010). Member of the International Law Commission (elected in 2001 and re-elected in 2006 by the United Nations General Assembly for the term 2007-2011). Chairman of the International Law Commission (2010).

Participated as member or head of Chinese delegations in numerous international conferences and treaty negotiations in various fields of public international law, e.g. outer space law, human rights, nuclear safety, diplomatic privileges and immunities, judicial assistance in civil and criminal matters, law of the sea, international criminal law, and other UN related legal issues. In bilateral relations, in charge of important negotiations such as negotiations with the United Kingdom Government on legal matters relating to Hong Kong, and with the Portuguese Government in relation to Macau; negotiations on property damages arising from the U.S. bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia; negotiations on the delimitation of the maritime boundaries of territorial sea, exclusive economic zone and continental shelf of Beibu Gulf between China and Viet Nam.

Publications on international law include *International Law*, Wang Tieya, ed., Law Press, Beijing, 1995; *A Complete Compilation of Treaties on Trade and Economy between China and Foreign Countries* (co-editor), Xinhua Publishing House, Beijing, 1996; *Commentary on the Charter of the United Nations* (co-editor), Shanxi Publishing House, 1999; *International Law*, Shao Jin, ed., Beijing University Press and Higher Education Press, Beijing, 2000 ("State Responsibility" chapter); *Transboundary Damage in International Law*, Cambridge University Press, 2003; *National Treaty Law and Practice*, Duncan B. Hollis, Merritt R. Blakeslee & L. Benjamin Ederington, eds., Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, London/Boston, 2005 (Chap. 5 on China); *Chinese Contemporary Perspectives on International Law, History, culture and International Law*, The Hague Academy of International Law, in *Recueil des cours*, Vol. 355 (2011), Brill; *Jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice*, in *Collected Courses of the Xiamen Academy of International Law*, forthcoming by Brill.

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