

Golden opportunity

> Tan Yuan Ling will do her internship at the Temple Garden's Chamber Office

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DURING ATC's 27th Grand Convocation Ceremony recently, a young legal scholar, Tan Yuan Ling was overjoyed to complete her degree as it would mark her first steps into the legal world.

Unbeknown to her then, her joy was to be doubled as she was chosen to be the first ever recipient of the Datuk Shyamala Alagendra's prize.

This prestigious award allows her to do an internship at Temple Garden's Chamber Office at The Hague under the mentorship of Shyamala and world renowned QC Karim Khan.

The Hague is home to the United Nations International Court and the International Criminal Court.

This is no coincidence, seeing as how members of Temple Garden Chambers have substantial experience advising and representing governments, political leaders, the military, corporations, international bodies and victim groups in international law cases.

Tenants have prosecuted, defended and intervened in the most serious cases before international criminal courts, and have acted and advised in litigation and civil claims in various international, regional and foreign courts.

In the United Kingdom, members



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have been instructed as counsel and argued many aspects of international law in domestic proceedings and public inquiries.

Additionally, the mentors are highly distinguished legal professionals who happen to be among the very best in the industry.

As an international prosecutor, Shyamala has prosecuted in leading cases in East Timor, before the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL) and at the International Criminal Court (ICC) while Karim specialises in all areas of public international law, international

criminal and human rights law, sports law, international arbitration, extradition, media law and major commercial fraud cases.

Therefore, it is clear that Yuan Ling will receive top guidance in the fascinating areas of legal practice that she will probably not get anywhere else.

ATC's aim has always been to produce exceptional students. Hence, by placing one of its brightest students under world-class mentors and in a world-class firm, ATC is turning their words into action.