

## MANAGERS AND EXPERTS IN THE TVET SECTOR VISIT CHINA



*Mankwe Campus Manager, Mr Zakes Nkomo at West Lake in Hangzhou, China. The place is also known as 'Paradise on earth'. It is the most famous tourist attraction in China.*

A delegation of seventeen Managers and experts in the Technical Vocational Education and Training sector, including Mankwe Campus Manager, Mr Zakes Nkomo, jetted off to China on 11 June 2017 to participate in an intensive capacity building and reform training programme.

The programme was initiated and commissioned by the Ministry of Commerce from the People's Republic of China in collaboration with the Minister of the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), Dr Blade Nzimande. The seminar essentially comprised of lectures, accomplished academics, and experts who shared best practices and also conducted field surveys and case studies.

Presidents of the Chinese demonstrative vocational colleges, as well as educational experts who are actively involved in the Chinese vocational education system, were also invited to share their knowledge with delegates.

The following topics were covered:

- An overview of China's vocational education development
- Policy, curriculum and reform of vocational education
- Best practices and achievements in school-enterprise collaboration
- Global challenges faced by TVET Colleges and
- Sustainable development of vocational institutions.

The visit to China included a tour of vocational institutions around Chengdu as well as a study of the construction and development of Shanghai, amongst others.

Delegates were based at Ningbo Polytechnic; a full-time public higher polytechnic educational institution located in Beilun, New Zone. It is one of the 1388 Vocational Education Institutions in China, with an enrolment of 10 000 full time students and 20 000 part time students. The institution also boasts a state-of-the-art hotel.