



UKWA CEO Peter Ward receives Honorary Fellowship from Institute of Export

UKWA CEO Peter Ward has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Institute of Export & International Trade, forty years after he first graduated.

The 2018 Graduation and Prizegiving Ceremony was held at the Mansion House in London on May 23rd, where recent and current students received graduation certificates and Honorary fellowships were presented to three widely respected industry leaders, including UKWA's Peter Ward, for their career-long contributions to the Institute and the industry.

Peter has spent his entire working life in the logistics industry, first working in the export shipping department of Courtaulds plc before joining the family freight forwarding company, D H Ward (Shipping) Ltd. Since then his high-flying career has seen him lead UK operations for American-owned integrator Fritz Companies to become a top-five forwarder in Europe, he has subsequently held the roles of Director Europe at P&O Nedlloyd Logistics and Commercial Director at DP World London Gateway, prior to joining UKWA as Chief Executive in January 2015.

Commenting on the Award, Lesley Batchelor OBE, Director General of the Institute of Export & International Trade, said: "Peter has been a vocal and powerful advocate for our industry for many years. His long experience and strategic vision has equipped him to provide inspiration and leadership, particularly in these turbulent times. He continues to be a great supporter of IoE and I am delighted that we have been able to recognise his exceptional contribution in this way."

Peter Ward said that he had been honoured to accept the Fellowship, recalling that his family had long been involved with the Institute of Export.

"My father was Chairman of Birmingham & West Midlands branch in the sixties and went on to be the founding Chairman of the Coventry & South Midlands branch. He was very involved and would have been happy to know that the Institute continues to play a vital role in educating and supporting young people coming into logistics. Being made an Honorary Fellow, forty years after graduating, is a great accolade and one of which I'm suitably proud."

