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IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL DELIVERS THE GRADUATION ADDRESS



Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) delivering the Graduation Address

Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) delivered the Graduation Address during the 28th Annual Graduation Ceremony of the Institute held at the Malta Maritime Museum, Vittoriosa, Malta on 27 May 2017.

In his address, Mr. Lim informed the gathering that IMLI continues to support the legal capacity building needs of maritime Administrations of more than 136 countries and territories through its educational programmes. Mr. Lim stated that IMLI has helped to reduce the gender disparities in maritime training by encouraging equal access to specialized maritime training. He implored the graduands to reflect on their training at IMLI and take advantage of the opportunities presented as a result of their success.

The Graduation Address of the Secretary-General is reproduced below:

Honourable Speaker, President Emeritus, Honourable Minister, Excellencies, distinguished ladies, gentlemen and students, it is my pleasure join you here today, and I wish to congratulate the class of 2017 on its graduation from this unique institution.

In joining the ranks of over 800 IMLI graduates, you are taking your place amongst a celebrated body of professionals, held in the highest esteem by the maritime and legal communities it serves. The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) is one of the cornerstones of IMO's capacitybuilding mission, and the Organization is honoured to be affiliated with its inspiring aims and achievements.

Unobtrusively and efficiently, shipping reaches into the furthest corners of the globe to supply the world's populations with an uninterrupted daily flow of goods. We can truly say that there is no part of our lives which has not been touched by shipping. But for the maritime industry to remain safe, secure, clean and effective, it needs to rest on a foundation of globally-enforced standards. IMO is the United Nations (UN) agency responsible for developing and maintaining those international standards, while responsibility for implementing them rests with national governments. In other words, IMO conventions and instruments need to be enshrined in national law, and that is where the in-depth knowledge and experience of an IMLI graduate becomes paramount. Because the key role rests with you, as highly-trained legal professionals, to help your countries establish the solid legal framework needed for the maritime sector to thrive safely and efficiently.

The Institute continues, year upon year, to strengthen the national maritime legislation capacities of the 136 countries and territories that have benefited from IMLI to-date. It assists IMO, through the delivery of its objectives and international outreach, to promote the key precepts of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In particular, it contributes directly to the implementation of SDG4 "Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote life-long learning", helping to reduce gender disparities in post-graduate education and encourage equal access to specialized maritime training.

Whether it be with your government administrations, commercial industry, or through international organizations, you may one day be called upon to shoulder great responsibility in decision-making roles. You will influence the very foundation which enables safe and secure shipping to grow and drive the economies of both developing and developed countries. We therefore owe a debt of gratitude to an Institute – with all of its staff and many supporters and donors – that, for nearly three decades, has been one of the key contributors to the well-being of the maritime sector.

Today is a time for celebration and contemplation, of reflecting and looking onward to how your success at IMLI will offer a springboard for new opportunities. I wish all the graduates every success in their future endeavours, and I very much look forward to meeting many of them in a professional capacity in the coming years.

DIRECTOR OF THE IMO LEGAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIVISION DELIVERS IMLI'S INAUGURAL LECTURE

Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 23 October 2017 and delivered the Institute's inaugural lecture for the academic year 2017-2018 on *"The IMO Treaty-Making Process: How Does IMO Make Law?"*



Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division) and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 2017-2018

Mr. Kenney started his lecture by recognising the unique contribution of IMLI graduates to the work of the IMO. He reminded the students that they are at IMLI to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to be applied in the service of their respective countries whether at home or as delegates to the IMO. The students were informed that the duty to ratify and effectively implement relevant IMO Conventions is the responsibility of States and therefore they are expected to play a pivotal role in guiding their respective States to comply with these obligations.

Mr. Kenney's lecture introduced students to the work of IMO; the relationship between the IMO and the United Nations; and how conventions are made at the IMO, from the development of a proposal to the adoption of the finished product and its implementation by the Member States. He explained that proposals for a new IMO instrument must emanate from the Member States or the Secretary-General. He mentioned the development of the ISPS Code as an example of a proposal being made by the Secretary-General, resulting in swift action by the Member States. He said that non-governmental organizations could bring proposals for development into law only if such a proposal is sponsored by a Member State. The students also learnt that amendments to IMO Conventions and other instruments, particularly those of a technical nature, are achieved through the tacit acceptance procedure. Mr. Kenney also discussed the instrumentality of the five committees and seven sub-committees.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NIPPON FOUNDATION VISITS IMLI



Mr. Mitsuyuki Unno (Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation) with the Nippon Foundation Scholars for the 2017-2018 Academic Year

Mr. Mitsuyuki Unno (Executive Director, The Nippon Foundation) paid an official visit to the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 24 October 2017. He was accompanied by Ms. Mao Hasebe (The Nippon Foundation, Ocean & Maritime Program & Strategy Team, Social Innovation Program Division).

Mr. Unno was received by Professor Attard who introduced him to the Institute's resident faculty, staff and students. Professor Attard said that he was very pleased to welcome Mr. Unno again to the Institute. He informed Mr. Unno that the number of the Nippon Foundation scholars in the current academic year is the highest so far and that he hopes that the co-operation between the Institute and the Foundation will continue to grow. Mr. Unno was also informed about the growing interest among IMO Member States and other individuals and entities in the Institute's programmes, as demonstrated by the unprecedented number of applications received for the 2017-2018 academic year which resulted in the biggest intake of students since the Institute's inception.

On his part, Mr. Unno thanked Professor Attard for the warm reception accorded to him and his delegation. He expressed the Foundation's belief in the work of IMLI and that it will continue to support the Institute. He said that IMLI's positive impact on the students is seen when the students return to their various countries and effectively apply the knowledge and skills acquired in international maritime law. Mr. Unno made reference to the work of the Foundation scholars who were attending The Nippon Foundation Conference in the Black and Caspian Seas Region as an example of such positive impact. Mr. Unno concluded his visit with individual meetings with the Nippon Foundation Scholars for the academic year 2017-2018.

THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE PROMOTION OF MALTA MEETS GHANA-IMLI GRADUATES

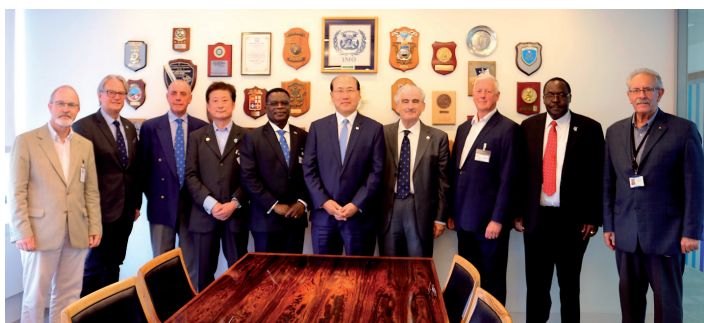


The Honourable Carmelo Abela (Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion) and his entourage with the Ghana-IMLI Graduates

The Honourable Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion, Mr. Carmelo Abela, met with the IMLI graduates from Ghana in Accra, Ghana, on 26 July 2017 during his official visit to the country. In a warmly received speech, Mr. Abela emphasised the contribution of the Ghana-IMLI Graduates to fostering closer links between Ghana and Malta and highlighted the importance of the IMLI graduate network in support of Malta's efforts to establish closer links with sub-Saharan Africa.

Mr. Abela shared a brief message from Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and the rest of the IMLI team and expressed his appreciation to IMLI graduates for their important contribution to international maritime law. The reception also provided an opportunity for graduates to meet the members of a Maltese Trade Mission including companies working in the international maritime sector and education. It is hoped that such events will be repeated in other countries as Malta develops closer links with Africa. Since its inception, over 17 students from Ghana graduated from IMLI over the years and many of them now occupy senior positions in national and regional maritime sectors.

THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD



Mr. Kitack Lim (Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) and Members of the IMLI Governing Board

The Thirty-First Session of the IMLI Governing Board was held at the IMO Headquarters, London on 21 June 2017. The Board reviewed and approved the Summary of Decisions of its Thirtieth Session and discussed financial and academic matters. The Governing Board is composed of members appointed on a broad geographical basis with expertise in areas including finance, fund-raising and academic development, as well as with recognised expertise in maritime law.

The current members of the IMLI Governing Board are:

Mr. Kitack Lim ((Chairman of the Board) Republic of Korea)	Mr. Lino Vassallo (Malta)
Professor David Attard (Malta)	Mr. Louis Mbanefo (Nigeria)
Dr. Philippe Boisson (France)	Professor Marko Pavliha (Slovenia)
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Mr. Masamichi Hasebe (Japan)	Dr. Patrick Griggs (the United Kingdom)
Mrs. Nancy Karigithu (Kenya)	Mr. Jim Harrison (the United Kingdom)

THE FIRST IMLI-WMU M.PHIL. STUDENT ENROLLS

Ms. Oyindamola Temitope Banjoko (Nigeria) became the first student to enrol into the joint



Ms. Oyindamola Temitope Banjoko

Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) programme in International Maritime Law and Ocean Policy launched by the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) and the World Maritime University (WMU), when she registered her participation on 18 September 2017.

Ms. Banjoko will spend the first year of the two-year programme (2017-2018) at WMU, Sweden where she will attend courses on ocean policy such as sustainability, governance and management. She will move to IMLI, Malta for the final year (2018-2019) to complete the programme. At IMLI, she

will undertake courses in international maritime law, including the law of the sea, shipping law, marine environmental law, and maritime security law. Further, Ms. Banjoko is required to undertake an independent research work (dissertation) on a topical issue related to her study and relevant to the needs of her country.

It may be recalled that IMLI and WMU established the two-year M.Phil. programme in order to address the increasing threats to the oceans by a number of human activities and the lack of proper governance of the waters within and beyond the limits of national jurisdiction.

THE IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL AND PROFESSOR ATTARD MEET IMLI GRADUATES IN MEXICO



Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with the Mexico-IMLI graduates

PROFESSOR ATTARD MEETS IMLI GRADUATES AT IFLOS



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with the IMLI graduates participating in the 2017 Summer Academy of the International Foundation on the Law of the Sea (IFLOS)

IMLI SUCCESS STORIES

IMLI GRADUATE APPOINTED
DIRECTOR OF THE MARITIME
ADMINISTRATION OF THE REPUBLIC
OF HONDURAS

Dr. Juan Carlos Rivera García (IMLI Class of 2004-2005) was recently appointed Director of the Maritime Administration of the Republic of Honduras (General Directorate of the Merchant Marine).



Dr. Juan Carlos Rivera García (right) taking the Oath of Office before the Minister of the Presidency, The Honourable Ricardo Cardona (left)

Dr. Rivera García has a 15-year post-call experience as a lawyer and holds a speciality in Commercial Law from the National Autonomous University of Honduras. He also holds a Master's Degree in International Maritime Law from IMLI, where he wrote a dissertation on 'The Effects of the ISPS Code on the Republic of Honduras and the Central American Perspective'. For his maritime legislation drafting project Dr. Rivera García prepared and implemented the Maritime Search and Rescue Convention into Honduran Legislation.

His expertise in maritime legislation drafting, a skill he acquired from IMLI, was very beneficial to him in the drafting of laws and regulations that adequately incorporate international maritime conventions into the national legislation of Honduras.

IMLI GRADUATE APPOINTED JUDGE
ADVOCATE GENERAL OF PAKISTAN NAVY

Commodore Dr. Syed Mahmood Akhter Hussain Gardezi

Commodore Dr. Syed Mahmood Akhter Hussain Gardezi (IMLI Class of 2001-2002) was appointed Judge Advocate General of the Pakistan Navy on 30 December 2016. On 1 July 2017, he was elevated to the rank of Commodore. In 2002, he was awarded the IMLI LL.M. Degree with distinction. In 2016, Commodore Gardezi successfully completed his Ph.D. studies in 2016 on 'The Straight Baselines in International Maritime Law: Impact on Continental Shelf and EEZ.' Commodore Gardezi participated in several courses abroad including Command and Staff Operations Law Course (Australia), Military Law Development Course (USA), International Law of Military Operations

Course (USA). He represented Pakistan in Geneva, Switzerland during the negotiations on Cluster Munitions Convention. About IMLI, Commodore Gardezi said: "I have no hesitation to acknowledge that IMLI has played a pivotal role in my career progression."

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IMLI GRADUATE APPOINTED
(ACTING) REGISTRAR GENERAL
OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE BAHAMAS

Mrs. Deirdre Clarke-Maycock receiving her LL.M. Degree during the graduation ceremony (2011-2012)

Mrs. Deirdre Clarke-Maycock (IMLI Class of 2011-2012) was appointed the (Acting) Registrar General of the Registrar General's Department of the Government of Bahamas. Prior to her appointment as Acting Registrar, Mrs. Clarke-Maycock was a State Counsel of the Office of the Attorney-General of the Bahamas.

IMLI GRADUATE PROMOTED TO THE
RANK OF COMMANDER

Commander Naa Ayeley Akwei-Aryee

Commander Naa Ayeley Akwei-Aryee (IMLI Class of 2011-2012) was promoted to the Rank of Commander (Navy) on 10 November 2017 whilst on international UN military observer mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. When contacted to share her experience at IMLI and how her training at IMLI helped in her professional career, Commander Akwei-Aryee had this to say:

"I was privileged to belong to the IMLI family in the 2011/12 academic year. It was a pleasure to meet and interact with fine legal brains from 26 countries and learn from different cultures. IMLI is indeed a distinguished institution in the world. I benefited immensely from the incredible opportunities and support that IMLI offered. It provided an atmosphere to experience a vibrant campus life and an avenue for lifelong connections and friendships.

The training at IMLI made me more open-minded and broadened my horizon. The devoted and able staff contributed to the academic welfare of students and the realisation of the Institute's vision. The study inspired legal thinking and equipped me with the foundation to explore and face challenges that would inevitably come my way. IMLI ensures that students thrive in a demanding academic atmosphere and undoubtedly the knowledge and exposure have contributed to where I am today as the Service Legal Advisor for the Ghana Navy."

Commander Naa Ayeley Akwei-Aryee is the first female lawyer in the Ghana Navy. She graduated from IMLI with distinction in 2012. She is currently deployed as a UN military observer in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

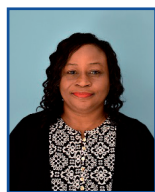
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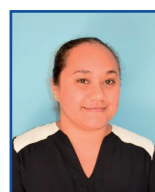
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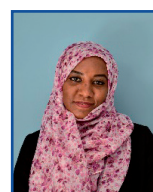
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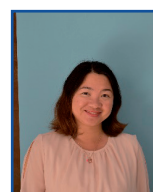
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