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To the 2017 graduating class of the NF-IMLI fellowship program,  
congratulations!

And my heartfelt gratitude to Professor David Attard, all of the IMLI professors, and the administrative office for your hard work in providing academic excellence to all of the Fellows.

Our partnership with IMLI began in 2003. The goal was to nurture leaders who can work together to build new legal frameworks to achieve ocean sustainability. Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, 126 alumni are currently working on the frontlines of policy and law making. And soon, so will you. In an age where ocean sustainability is a global agenda, the expertise you developed and the human network you cultivated during your study at Malta is invaluable.

Watching your video messages, and listening to your concrete goals and aspirations, I could picture each one of you carrying out your dream, and playing an integral part in the ocean community.

It is disappointing that I am not able to congratulate you all in person, but I am sure we will have many opportunities to meet and hopefully work together, in the field. Good luck to you all in your future endeavors and I wish you all a safe journey back home.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Yohei Sasakawa  
Chairman  
The Nippon Foundation

