

KEYNOTE ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE 14th ANNUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY BY H.E. MR. WILLIAM A. O'NEIL, 17 MAY 2003

It is also a pleasure for me to welcome you to this ceremony and I am pleased to have this opportunity to address the graduating class of 2003. I would also like to thank Professor Attard for his kind words, and to assure him that my strong personal interest to this fine Institute will not diminish when I step down as Secretary-General of IMO at the end of this year.

First of all, I would just remind you who are graduating today that the primary objectives of IMO are to bring about genuine improvements in the safety and security of international shipping and to the prevention of marine pollution and that its success in achieving these goals depends to a considerable extent on skilled maritime lawyers whose ranks you have now joined.

That is because developing the international regulatory framework that can yield such improvements is only one half of the story – the other is the highly specialized job of drafting the necessary practical and enforceable national laws without which the internationally agreed standards simply would not be effective.

This Institute was established by IMO to ensure that Governments would have trained maritime legal experts available who could incorporate the often complex international maritime legal framework of rules, codes and standards into national legislation.

Take, for example, the measures adopted by IMO to address the issue of maritime security worldwide which became necessary after the terrorist attacks on The United States in 2001. IMO convened a diplomatic conference last December which resulted in the adoption of amendments to the SOLAS Convention, which will enter into force on 1 July 2004. The requirements of the SOLAS amendments and the new International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities must be integrated into the regulatory framework of each member State, so that the entry into force date next year can be met. This is a major challenge and one which I am sure many of you may become involved in as you begin or continue your careers in maritime law.

APPRECIATION

**HE Mr William O'Neil,
IMO Secretary-General**

The Director, Staff and Graduates of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute wish to express their great appreciation to HE Mr. William O'Neil (who retires as IMO Secretary-General at the end of the year) for his sterling work to ensure that the Institute develops into a centre of excellence for the teaching of international maritime law. As a tribute to his commitment, the IMO Council has decided that HE Mr. William O'Neil's appointment as Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board be extended until 30th June, 2004.



H.E. Mr. William O'Neil (Secretary General, IMO) with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) Mr. Jean Hulliger, (IMLI Governor), Mr. Aref Fakhry (Lecturer, IMLI), Mr. Norman Martinez (Lecturer, IMLI), Dr. Patricia Mallia (Visiting Fellow) and IMLI Graduates at the Graduation Ceremony 2003

The importance of your role as maritime law specialists in taking on this task and many others cannot be over-emphasized. The responsibility for managing the legal framework, to ensure that quality shipping prospers, depends in large measure on the knowledge and professional skills of lawyers such as yourselves.

It is extremely gratifying to note the ever increasing number of lawyers that have successfully graduated from IMLI over the past 15 years. As this cadre of IMLI trained lawyers continues to grow and become established around the globe, the practical results of its expertise is making a significant contribution to our goals of safer seas and cleaner oceans, and each one of you who is leaving this Institute today can look forward to playing an important part in this effort.

As Professor Attard mentioned, IMLI's progress over the years has been dependent upon the continuing support received from donors who have contributed either to the Institute's general fund or by the provision of fellowships, and I would like to take this opportunity to add my thanks to them for this most valuable assistance. I look forward to a continuation of this vital aid, and I am confident that the consistently high quality of the graduates, which is widely recognized and acknowledged, will encourage additional development partners and recipient countries to contribute to the excellent training that is being offered here in Malta.

IMO itself has been able to finance a record number of nine fellows who are graduating today, from our limited Technical Co-operation Fund, as well as three more from UNDP Africa Project funds.

Although our resources are restricted and there is unfortunately a certain amount of donor fatigue, I confidently expect that IMO's Technical Co-operation Programme will continue its support in the coming years.

I would also once again thank the Government of Malta for its far-sightedness and generosity in agreeing to host the Institute over fifteen years ago – an arrangement which I am certain has been mutually beneficial. We also are especially indebted to the Maritime Authority of Malta for its continued assistance. The positive impact of this institution on the international maritime community is immeasurable and is greatly appreciated by the all members of IMO.

As you have heard, the smooth functioning of the Institute is due to the tremendous commitment of its able and dedicated teaching and administrative staff. And to the high standard of teaching given by the large number of visiting lecturers who provide their services voluntarily. To those who willingly give their time and expertise, I offer my sincere gratitude. And to Professor Attard, who provides such able and admirable leadership, we all extend our immense appreciation.

In closing, I congratulate you, the graduating class, on the successful completion of your courses. Today marks a very special occasion from which you, and all those who have played a part in helping you to finish your studies, fully deserve to derive great professional and personal satisfaction. It marks not simply the conclusion of your academic studies but

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IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL INAUGURATED EXTENSION TO IMLI PREMISES

On 16th May 2003, H.E. Mr. William O'Neil (Secretary-General, IMO) inaugurated the new extension to the IMLI premises. Members of IMLI Board of Governors, IMLI staff, the Graduating Class, and many distinguished guests were present at the ceremony which took place on the eve of the 14th annual Graduation Ceremony.

Professor David Attard welcomed all present and delivered a short address which highlighted IMLI's role in the development and codification of international maritime law. He then explained the long-felt need for the new extension and the long, and arduous tasks which were undertaken to make it real. He thanked the organizations who helped the Institute in the building project and those who give constant support to all IMLI's activities.

H.E. Mr. William O'Neil said that he was pleased and impressed to see the improvements in the building. IMLI's spectacular growth warranted



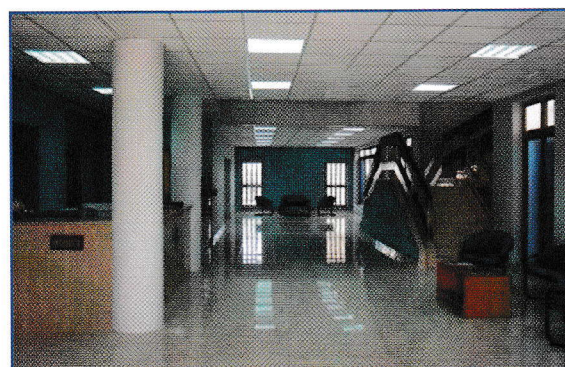
H.E. Mr. William O'Neil (Secretary-General, IMO) cutting the ribbon at the inauguration ceremony in the presence of Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and Dr Joe Fenech (IMLI Governor)

an extended premises. He then cut the ribbon leading to the new reception area where the guests joined the following reception.

The extension to IMLI premises includes a new lecture theatre, a new reception hall, a new larger library which now houses one of the most complete collections in international maritime law in the region and a residential suite for visiting fellows.



IMLI Library's reading area



IMLI's new Reception area

IMLI - NIPPON FOUNDATION JOINT PROJECT FOR ADVANCEMENT OF A NEW LEGAL ORDER ON THE WORLD'S OCEANS

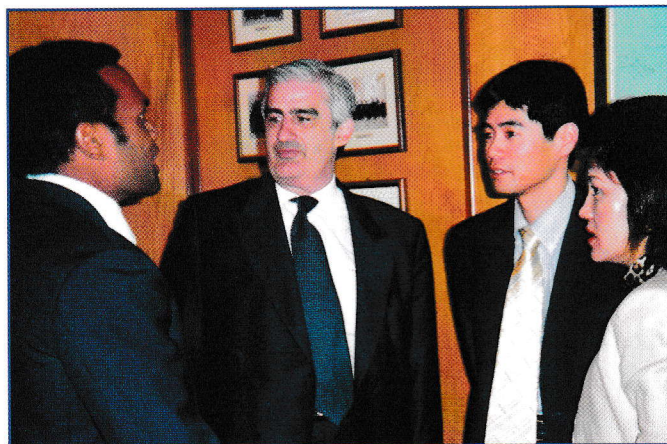
IMLI and the Nippon Foundation recently launched their joint Project for Advancement of a New Legal Order on the World's Oceans. The Project is the product of fruitful collaboration between the two organizations and is made possible through the generous financing of the Nippon Foundation.

The Project is administered by IMLI and is intended to contribute to the promotion, adoption and effective implementation and enforcement of international maritime rules and standards, as well as to encourage a greater participation by developing States in the major international maritime law conventions and legal instruments.

The Project provides scholarships funding for deserving candidate lawyers to carry out specialized studies in international maritime law within the Master of Laws Programme offered by IMLI.

This year a total of nine candidates have been awarded the Nippon Foundation Scholarship to pursue their LL.M. studies at IMLI. These are: Mr Alamgir Khan (Bangladesh), Ms Marija Pospisil (Croatia), Mr Etueni Caucau (Fiji) Mr Takashi Arikawa (Japan), Mr Tajudeen Giwa (Nigeria), Mr Amos Kirio (Papua New Guinea), Ms Saowalak Jullamon (Thailand), Mr Igor Karaman (Ukraine), and Ms Chola Shapi (Zambia).

It is expected that through this Project developing States across the globe will be able to participate in a meaningful manner in the harmonization



From left to right: Mr James Tari (IMLI Graduate, Attorney-General's Office of Vanuatu) is introduced by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) to Mr Mitsuyuki Unno (Leader of the Nippon Foundation's delegation that visited Malta in May 2003).

and unification of international maritime law, thereby providing the security and stability which is needed to protect the lives of men and women who daily earn their living from the oceans.

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also the beginning of a new stage in your challenging and rewarding careers, careers which will, I am sure, be of benefit not just to yourselves and your families but to your countries and to the international shipping community as a whole.

Your achievements once again demonstrate not only the continued, highly effective nature of the training provided by IMLI, but also serve as a reminder of the enormous positive impact that this Institute exerts on the maritime industry at large, through its alumni worldwide.

I wish you all the best as you return to your respective home countries and apply the specialized knowledge you have acquired here in Malta, knowledge which I am sure will help IMO to achieve its desired goals of safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean seas.

Thank you and good luck to you all.

IMLI ALUMNI

Ms. Krittika Panprasert (Thailand, Class of 2002) has been appointed the first Director of the Legal Division, Foreign Affairs Unit of the Legal Affairs Bureau of Thailand.

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Ms. Iria Barrancos (Panama, Class of 1990) has been designated by the Supreme Court of Justice of Panama as Substitute Judge of the First Maritime Judge of Panama.

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Ms. Mayen B. Obi (Nigeria, Class of 1997) has been appointed Assistant Director in Charge of International Law and Conventions at the Nigerian Maritime Safety Administration Authority.

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Mr. Fagaloa Tufuga (Samoa, Class of 1997) has been appointed Legal and Corporate Services Manager of the Samoa Ports Authority.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programme is seeing a steady flow of candidatures from around the globe. The degree may be awarded following successful defense of a thesis of not more than 100 000 words on a subject within the syllabus of the Institute.

The Ph.D. programme is solely research-based and involves a high degree of independence from candidates. Thus, the programme can be largely undertaken from abroad. The Institute will appoint a supervisor from a list of internationally-recognized experts.

Studies for the degree are to extend over a period of *not less* than three and not more than five years.

Prospective candidates must hold a Master's degree from a recognized university or other academic institution, or qualifications of comparable standard including relevant professional legal experience recognized for this purpose by the Institute.

MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW

IMLI offers a unique opportunity of specialized and intensive training in one of the growth areas of international law. Its one academic year programme, leading to the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Maritime Law, consists of education in international law, law of the sea, shipping law, marine environmental law and the drafting of maritime legislation. The course is delivered by IMLI's resident faculty, supplemented by eminent visiting lawyers and academics.

This unique course is most suitable for persons already working in the maritime field such as with a relevant Government department, shipping company, port authority or other organization concerned with shipping and maritime affairs. Persons wishing to pursue a career in the field of international maritime law will also benefit immensely from the course.

Admission to the course is open to a limited number of students in any academic year, thereby ensuring personal intensive guidance and supervision. A university degree in law as well and proficiency in the English language are pre-requisites.

Applications are now invited for the 16th annual LL.M. course, scheduled to begin on 13th September 2004. Financial aid may be made available.

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THE HON. DAVID JAMIESON (MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, UK) DELIVERS LECTURE AT IMLI



The Hon. Censu Galea (Minister for Transport and Communications, Malta),
The Hon. David Jamieson (Minister of Transport, United Kingdom),
Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and
Dr. Kevin Dingli (Vice-President, Malta Maritime Law Association)

On Monday 30th June 2003 Mr David Jamieson (Minister of Transport, United Kingdom) delivered the lecture "Maritime Transport and the EU - Balancing Our Interests and Sharing Our Future" at IMLI. This lecture which was part of an official visit of Minister Jamieson to Malta, was organized by the Malta Maritime Law Association and was attended by many lawyers and professionals involved in the maritime sector.

MODULAR COURSES

Throughout the academic year, the Institute holds Modular Courses on various topics of maritime law. These courses are open to external participants. A list of courses is provided below. Further details are available on request.

Law of the Sea Subjects

International Law of the Sea

consisting of the following sub-modules:

Introduction to the International Law of the Sea

Internal Waters and Territorial Sea

International Straits

Archipelagoes

Contiguous Zone

Continental Shelf

Exclusive Economic Zone

Fisheries

Land-Locked/Geographically Disadvantaged States

The High Seas Legal Status and Freedoms

Deep Seabed (Common Heritage of Mankind)

Marine Scientific Research

International Dispute Settlement

International Marine Environmental Law Subjects

International Marine Environmental Law

International Maritime Security Law

International Maritime Security Law

Shipping Law Subjects

Proprietary Interests in Ships

Enforcement of Maritime Claims

Carriage of Passengers and Their Luggage

Law of Maritime Safety

Law of Marine Collisions

Law of Salvage and Wreck

Law of General Average

Law of Towage

Law of Marine Pilotage

Global Limitation of Liability

Law of Marine Insurance

Miscellaneous

EC Shipping Law

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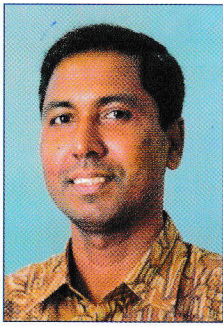
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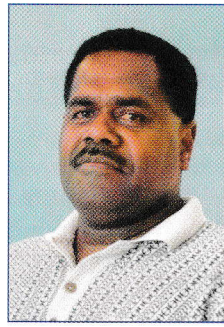
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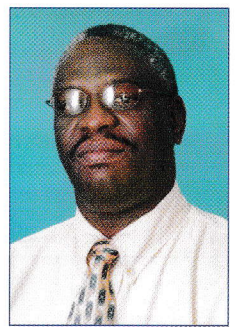
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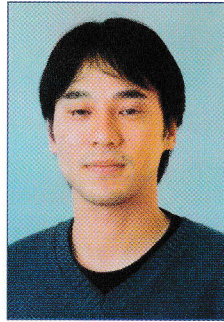
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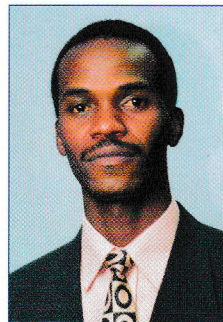
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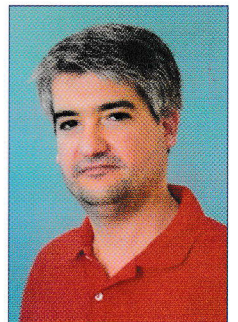
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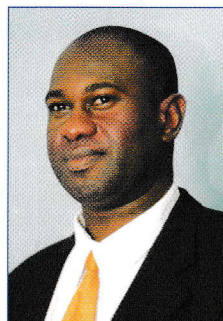
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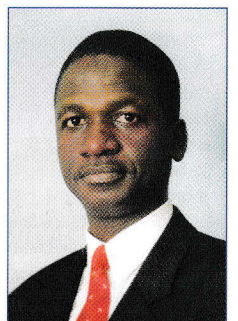
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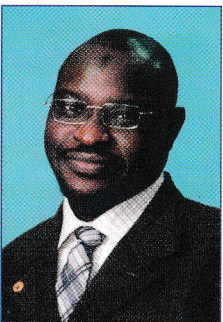
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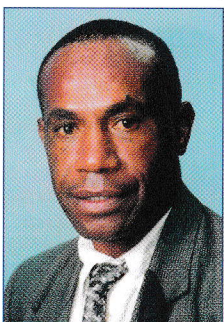
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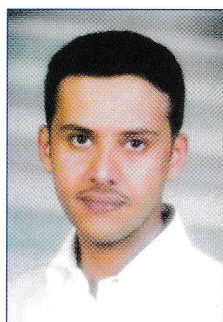
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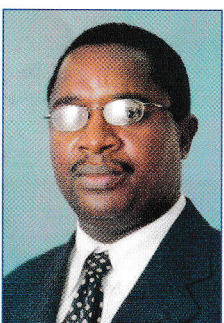
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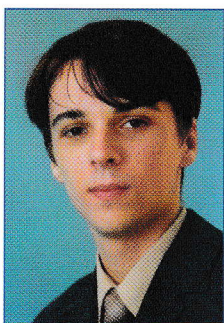
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