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A MESSAGE FROM MR. KOJI SEKIMIZU, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IMO AND CHAIRMAN OF THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD

The annual graduation of each year's class of students from IMLI is time for congratulation, for celebration and for contemplation.

We congratulate the students who have successfully completed their studies at this august Institution; we celebrate their achievements; and we contemplate, with them, the opportunities now before them to make their own, unique mark in the maritime world and in their own countries, as they return home after their time at IMLI.

In order to participate effectively in the international maritime sector, States must be able to implement international conventions and instruments adopted by IMO, and other relevant international organizations. To do this, they need the appropriate legal infrastructure to incorporate the provisions of the respective conventions and instruments into national law and procedures for applying and enforcing the requirements of the applicable law in all relevant situations.

For this purpose, States, as well as the shipping industry, require the services of well-trained legal personnel with specialization in maritime and shipping law.

For twenty-four years, IMLI has been providing the training and education needed to produce lawyers with the background and qualification to establish, develop and maintain such national legal infrastructures. What began as a trickle is now a strong and regular flow of graduates, to which this year's students will provide a worthy addition.

Today, IMLI graduates hold positions of great responsibility and authority throughout the maritime world. Many of them are regular visitors to IMO, where they represent



Mr. Koji Sekimizu (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), Members of the Faculty, Institute's Visiting Fellows and the IMLI Class of 2012-2013 during the Graduation Ceremony

their countries with great skill and diligence. Others have joined the IMO Secretariat, while others have found their niche within the commercial industry. What unites them all is that they serve with great distinction.

I am certain that the graduates of 2013 will prove just as hard-working and successful as their predecessors, and I wish them every success for the future – indeed, I look forward to meeting many of them once again in a professional capacity.

TEN YEARS OF FRUITFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN IMLI AND THE NIPPON FOUNDATION



Dr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairperson, The Nippon Foundation) pictured with the first beneficiaries of the 'Human Resources Development Project for Advancement of a New Legal Order on the World's Oceans' Project during his visit to the Institute in 2004 to officially launch the Project

As a result of the very fruitful collaboration between the IMO International Maritime Law Institute and The Nippon Foundation a joint Project entitled the Human Resources Development Project for Advancement of a New Legal Order on the World's Oceans was launched in 2003.

The Project offers post-graduate study and research opportunities in international maritime law to deserving candidates. For this purpose the Institute is charged with providing its academic and technical expertise and The Nippon Foundation generously provides financial contribution which enables such deserving candidates to pursue their studies in international maritime law at the Institute.

Thus far, 96 lawyers from 48 States and territories have received training at the Institute and form part of a formidable network of international maritime legal experts who serve the rule of international maritime law.

The Institute records with pride that the graduation of this academic year's students will be a milestone in the relations of the two institutions as over 100 lawyers would have returned to their respective countries where they would be gainfully involved in the development of the maritime sectors.

The benefit of the support given by The Nippon Foundation is not only limited to the personal benefit of the scholars but, the academic and technical expertise gained at the Institute, is now used in their respective countries, where they are involved in the development of the maritime sector in those countries. There are many success stories gained as a result of this cooperation between IMLI and The Nippon Foundation, as these students have attained positions of eminence in their countries of origin.

IMLI AWARD CONFERRED ON THE IMO LEGAL COMMITTEE



Mr. Koji Sekimizu (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) presenting the IMLI Award for Meritorious Contribution towards the Progressive Development and Codification of International Maritime Law to the IMO Legal Committee received by its Chairman, Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Mbiah

In recognition of the vital role played by the IMO Legal Committee in spearheading the development of numerous international maritime conventions, which have contributed directly and in a meaningful manner to the process of harmonization of many aspects of international maritime law, the Institute bestowed on the Committee the “*IMLI Award for Meritorious Contribution towards the Progressive Development and Codification of the International Maritime Law*”.

The Award was presented to the Committee on 18 April 2013 during the Committee's 100th session by Mr. Koji Sekimizu, in his capacity as Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board, and Professor David Attard, as IMLI Director.

Before the conferment of the Award, Professor Attard declared “...*I wish to state how very much the academic staff at IMLI admires the vital work of your Committee. Today, it has become the world's foremost institutionalized source of international maritime law. At IMLI we provide legal training to State officials to ensure that the legal instruments you work on are incorporated and enforced by member States.*” He concluded by saying “... *I wish to record my pride to see that many delegates here today are IMLI graduates.*”

The Award was received for and on behalf of the Committee by Dr. Emmanuel Kofi Mbiah, an IMLI graduate, in his capacity as Chairman of the Legal Committee.

25 YEARS OF EXCELLENT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



Dr. Philippe Boisson (President, French Maritime Law Association) and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 2013-2014

IMLI maintains strong institutional links with national and international organizations, institutions, courts and tribunals which make an outstanding contribution in the field of shipping law and the law of the sea. Such organizations are not only a source of necessary fellowships for IMLI students but also provide the Institute with eminent visiting fellows in the field of international maritime law.

IMLI's donors and supporters are *inter alia* the IMO, The Nippon Foundation, the Lloyd's Register Foundation, the Comité Maritime International, National Governments and Authorities.

IMLI has established a strong cooperation with leading institutions such as the University of Yale, University of Paris 1 Pantheon - Sorbonne, University of Oxford, Queen Mary - University of London, the University of Rome - “Tor Vergata” and the International Foundation of the Law of the Sea (IFLOS).

In addition, the Institute maintains extensive links with national maritime law associations such as the British Maritime Law Association, the French Maritime Law Association, the Maltese Maritime Law Association, the Slovenian Maritime Law Association, the Spanish Maritime Law Association, and the Maritime Law Association of Singapore.

The Institute also notes with immense pride and satisfaction that eminent judges including both the President of the International Court of Justice and the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea are contributors to the IMLI Manual on International Law.

It is the link with these national and international organizations, which is the cornerstone of IMLI's position as the foremost educational institute in international maritime law.

PROGRAMMES AND COURSES

IMLI offers a variety of programmes and courses in international maritime law. The Institute's hallmark programme is the Master of Laws (LL.M) programme which covers the whole spectrum of international maritime law. The programme consists of numerous modules which include international law, law of the sea, shipping law,

marine environmental law, maritime security law and maritime legislative drafting. This intensive programme is held over one academic year, and features taught courses, research work, and a number of field trips.

IMLI also offers a Research Degree programme leading to the award of the Degree of Magister Juris (M.Jur.) in International Maritime Law and the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Maritime Law. Candidates are expected to undergo their studies in IMLI's Research Degree programme with a high degree of independence; thus, the programme can be largely undertaken from abroad. Candidates are assigned individual academic supervisors drawn from a list of internationally-recognized experts.

The Advanced Diploma programme in international maritime law is designed to benefit professionals involved in maritime practice both in the private and in the public sector (including at the most senior levels) who, because of their careers, are unable to be away from their jobs for any length of time in excess of a few weeks per year. The programme is also suited for those candidates who do not possess a degree in law but are still very much interested in the field. The programme can be undertaken between one and five years during which candidates must earn a total of 25 credits in order to satisfy the requirements for the award of the Advanced Diploma.

Teaching at IMLI on the LL.M. programme is based on the modular system. It is therefore possible for a small number of applicants to attend these modules as self-contained courses. Short courses are delivered by panels of internationally recognized lawyers and academics. A certificate of attendance is issued by the Institute.

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Professor Frank L. Wiswall Jr. (Vice President (Honoris Causa), Comité Maritime International) lecturing the IMLI Class of 2012-2013

APPRECIATION TO DONORS

IMO continues to support IMLI. The organization provides annual scholarships intended for suitably qualified government-nominated candidates wishing to pursue their post-graduate studies at the Institute. The sponsorship of the IMO is very much appreciated by the student recipients, as well as the Governments whom they represent, whose capacity building is strongly enhanced upon service rendered by IMLI graduates on their return. For the year 2012-2013, an IMO scholar, Ms. Raghdha Al-Hakimi, from Yemen was awarded the REMPEC Marine Environment Law Prize.



Mr. Koji Sekimizu (Secretary-General, IMO) awarding the Degree of Master of Laws in International Maritime Law to Mr. Bernard Maphela (South Africa) at the Institute's 24th Graduation Ceremony

In keeping with its policy to promote women in shipping, seven female students are the proud recipients of IMO scholarships for the academic year 2013-2014. Thus, the scholars for this year are: Ms. Gabrielle Novak Foes (Brazil), Ms. Ma Lin (China), Ms. Nihal Nasr (Egypt), Mr. Richard Adjei-Frimpong (Ghana), Ms. Vannessia Stewart (Jamaica), Mr. Hussein Abou Zeid (Lebanon), Ms. Johanne Andria-Manantena (Madagascar), Mrs. Wahya Almansury (the Sudan).

The Lloyd's Register Foundation (LRF) continues to support training at IMLI based on the Foundation's quest in supporting among others, education and research relating to development that enhances safety of life at sea, on land and in the air.



Mr. Jim Harrison (Group Legal Director, Lloyd's Register) with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) addressing the students of the IMLI Class of 2012-2013 at Lloyd's Register Office during the 2013 field trip to London

The Foundation has supported thus far over twenty-five IMLI graduates from all over the world.

The Institute is pleased to record that for the academic year 2012-2013 the Maltese Government Prize for Best Performance in the Law of the Sea was awarded to Ms. Liyuwork Shiferaw, an LRF sponsored student.

Students sponsored by LRF continue, upon completion of their studies at IMLI, to do outstandingly well in the field of international maritime law.

Ms. Ramat Jalloh, an LRF Scholar for the academic year 2011-2012, was appointed as Assistant Lecturer at the Institute. Her appointment was endorsed by H.E. Mr. Koji Sekimizu (Secretary-General, IMO), who noted the fact that Ms. Jalloh will be not only be the first African Member of the Institute but also its first African Female Member.

For the academic year 2013-2014, the LRF scholars are: Ms. Tali Thau (Israel), Ms. Paula de Castro Silveira (Portugal) and Mr. Simon Kofe (Tuvalu).



Dr. Patrick Griggs (Former President of the Comité Maritime International) meeting students of the IMLI Class of 2012-2013

The CMI Charitable Trust supports IMLI's academic activities by covering travel and accommodation expenses for CMI sponsored fellows visiting lecturers to IMLI. The Trust was set up to be applied for the advancement of legal education for the public benefit and the advancement and promotion of research and study in the fields of comparative law and international marine and commercial law and the publication of the results of such research.



Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha (Head of Law Department, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transportation, University of Ljubljana), Mr. Tomoyuki Hashimoto (Manager, Maritime Affairs Department, The Nippon Foundation) and Captain Koichi Akasuka (Member, The Nippon Foundation Selection Committee) with the Nippon Scholars of the IMLI Class of 2013-2014

The Nippon Foundation through its joint Project with IMLI, known as "The Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of More Effective Legal Order for the Oceans" continues to effectively support government-nominated scholars. This year marks the 11th year of uninterrupted financial support which has benefited more than 100 students from 50 countries from around the world. The students sponsored have always achieved outstanding academic results during their studies at the Institute.

This is demonstrated by the fact that for the academic year 2012-2013 the IMO Secretary-General's Prize for Best Dissertation and the Professor Walter Müller Prize for the Best Maritime Legislation Drafting Project were awarded to Mr. Parinda Ranasinghe (Sri Lanka) and Mr. Josy John (India) respectively, both of whom were Nippon Foundation scholars.

The Nippon Foundation scholars for this academic year are: Mr. Ivane Abashidze (Georgia), Ms. Georgina Nyadia (Ghana), Mr. Daniel Sihombing (Indonesia), Ms. Murni Sitinjak (Indonesia), Ms. Lydia Ngugi (Kenya), Ms. Ruria Iteraera (Kiribati), Ms. Hafiza Abdul Sattar (Maldives), Ms. Jasmine Madarang (the Philippines), Mr. Asanka Karunaratna (Sri Lanka), and Ms. Terri McMillan (Trinidad and Tobago).



Ambassador Lino Vassallo (Permanent Representative of Malta to the IMO) with the IMLI Class of 2013-2014

The Government of Malta has supported the Institute and its activities since its establishment in 1988. Apart from being its host, it also enables the training at the Institute of deserving Maltese lawyers. These lawyers prove exemplary in their academic achievements at the Institute. For the year 2012-2013, Dr. Felicity Attard was awarded the Transport Malta Prize for Best Performance in Shipping Law and Dr. Denise Micallef won the CMI Prize for Best Overall Performance.

The Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, in coordination with the Swiss Maritime Navigation Office, is also a devoted supporter of the activities of the Institute. To this end, through the Donor's Agreement with the Institute, IMLI benefits from a fixed annual financial contribution. The Institute is particularly grateful to Dr. Reto Dürler (Head, Swiss Maritime Navigation Office) for his instrumental role in the contribution made by his Government.



Dr. Reto Dürler (Head, Swiss Maritime Navigation Office) with the IMLI class of 2012-2013



Mr. Louis Mbanefo (President, Nigerian Maritime Law Association) lecturing to the IMLI Class of 2013-2014

IMLI also wishes to express its appreciation to national governmental maritime authorities, including the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and Nigerian Ports Authority, Ghana's Port's Authority and the Chilean Navy for sending their officers to be trained in international maritime law at IMLI during the academic year 2013-2014.



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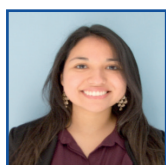
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