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IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL DELIVERS THE 30TH GRADUATION ADDRESS

Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board) delivered the Graduation Address at the Graduation Ceremony held at the Malta Maritime Museum, Vittoriosa, Malta on 15 June 2019.

In his address, the Secretary-General informed the gathering that the graduation is a testament to IMLI's continuous support to the capacity-building needs of IMO Member States in the sphere of international maritime law. He stated that IMLI has trained over 1000 maritime professionals from 146 countries, to date, through its educational programmes. He stated further that we must all keep our sights on the future and not forget that our oceans and their resources are being over-exploited at an ever-increasing rate and therefore strong and uniform policies, as well as laws, need to be implemented and enforced worldwide. In a bid to achieve these goals, Mr. Lim said that nations, whether developed or developing, need experts who understand that while shipping must keep pace with new developments and technological advancements, it must also safeguard the marine environment and ensure peaceful and inclusive societies.

Mr. Lim noted that IMO has been at the forefront of developing the necessary regulatory framework which aims to improve the lives of people everywhere in the world. He affirmed that the Organization has grown over the years without losing focus of its important role, which is to facilitate a safe and sustainable transport sector which supports world trade and fuels the global economy, at the same time as ensuring the protection of the environment and the safety of all those involved in maritime activities. At this juncture, Mr. Lim stressed the importance of IMLI to the work of IMO and its Member States, stating that IMLI was founded, having recognized that the uniform application of international rules required skilled and duly qualified human resources at national level. In this regard, he said:

"IMO takes great satisfaction in witnessing how IMLI has become the cornerstone of the Organization's technical cooperation programme...I cannot stress enough how vital IMLI has become in the efforts of IMO Member States, especially developing countries, to generate national expertise for the effective adoption of laws to implement IMO instruments..."

The Secretary-General also commended IMLI for its noteworthy efforts to reduce gender disparities in maritime education, by encouraging equal access to specialised maritime training for qualified female candidates. This, he said, is undoubtedly evident with IMLI being the first institution within the UN system to reserve 50 per cent of places of its programmes for deserving female candidates.



Group photo of the 30th graduating class with Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO and Chairman, IMLI Governing Board)

Noting that this would not be possible without the support of various institutions, Mr. Lim extended his heartfelt appreciation to all organizations and institutions providing assistance to the Institute in order to achieve its global mission. Specifically he said:

"My thanks go to The Nippon Foundation, Lloyd's Register Foundation, ITF Seafarers' Trust, and IMO Technical Cooperation Division for the fellowships provided. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Governments of Angola, Brazil, Ghana, Malta, Malaysia and Nigeria, five key officers in their countries' maritime authorities completed their studies at IMLI this year."

The Secretary-General further extended his appreciation to the Government of Malta, who has hosted IMLI and supported it throughout its existence. He pointed out that the friendliness and hospitality of the Maltese people provides a home away from home to students and visitors alike.

In thanking the Director and Staff of IMLI, Mr. Lim said:

"I wish to thank you for your hard work and relentless efforts to make the Institute rise to the highest standards."

The Secretary-General concluded his speech by addressing the students:

"Dear Students,

As you leave the Institute, please always remember that you have pledged yourselves to serve the rule of international maritime law. Remember that, wherever you are, you have friends and colleagues who speak the same language as you and who have a common goal: safe, secure and efficient shipping on clean oceans. The Institute has equipped you with the knowledge and skills you need to use for the benefit of all of us. Apply your newly acquired skills, when advising or representing your country and when negotiating with international partners. Above all, do not forget that it will be our concerted efforts that will ensure that our beautiful oceans are protected for future generations.

I wish to congratulate you on your achievements and look forward to meeting you at IMO."

IMO CELEBRATES IMLI'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Kitack Lim, hosted a Commemorative Seminar at the IMO Headquarters in London on 25 June 2019 to celebrate IMLI's 30th Anniversary.

The Panel of Speakers, which was presided by Mr. Lim, included Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), The Hon. Dr. Joseph Muscat (Prime Minister, Malta), Dr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman, The Nippon Foundation) who addressed the audience through a video, Judge Jin-Hyun Paik (President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea) and Mr. Jim Harrison (Vice-Chairman, IMLI Governing Board and Chairman, IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee).

The Anniversary Ceremony was attended by many distinguished guests, including representatives of IMO Member States, Members of the IMLI Governing Board, Diplomatic Representatives and IMLI alumni.

Mr. Lim delivered the opening remarks highlighting IMLI's firm commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. He informed the audience that in pursuit of its overall mission to enhance capacity-building among IMO member States, particularly developing States, IMLI provides training in all aspects of international maritime law, as well as in legislative drafting techniques.

Mr. Lim noted that in the year that IMO celebrates women in the maritime community, IMLI should be duly recognized for its efforts to reduce gender disparities in maritime education, by encouraging equal access to specialized maritime training to qualified female candidates. At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Lim acknowledged the long-standing exceptional contribution of Professor Attard to the success of IMLI.



Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) delivering the Opening Remarks at IMLI's 30th Commemorative Seminar

IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL EXPRESSES HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION OF PROFESSOR DAVID ATTARD TO THE SUCCESS OF IMLI

During IMLI's 30th Anniversary Commemorative Seminar held at the IMO Headquarters in London on 25 June 2019, the IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Kitack Lim, presented the IMLI Director, Professor David Attard with a Letter of Appreciation and a Commemorative Award for the outstanding commitment and exceptional service he has provided during his tenure as the Director of IMLI.



Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) acknowledging the long-standing commitment of Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with a letter of appreciation and a commemorative award

Mr. Lim pointed out that Professor Attard's dynamic approach to fostering the future of all students has contributed towards establishing IMLI as a centre of excellence in the training of specialists in maritime law. Hence, his contribution to these positive outcomes has been highly appreciated by both students and IMO, alike.

Mr. Lim conveyed his highest esteem and sincere gratitude to Professor Attard for his diligent contribution to IMLI by emphasising that his tireless efforts, personal contribution and support to assist strengthening the governance and sustainability of IMLI, will always be remembered along with his unsurpassed leadership, efficiency and excellence.

REFLECTIONS OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF IMLI

Mr. Jim Harrison (Vice-Chairman, IMLI Governing Board and Chairman, IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee) delivered an address entitled "Reflections of the Vice-Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board on the 30th Anniversary of IMLI".

Mr. Harrison noted his close association with IMLI over the last three decades and the opportunity to see how IMLI has grown and matured into a first-rate educational institution with an enviable academic reputation worldwide. In his speech, he referred with pride to the very long, very rewarding and ongoing working relationship between Lloyd's Register, Lloyd's Register Foundation, IMLI and himself.

He recognized IMLI as a world renowned centre of legal learning and excellence which, with its positive impact on the dissemination and the consistent implementation of maritime law throughout the world, has been a fantastic achievement over the last thirty years. In his view, IMLI's ethos of teaching maritime law in a comparative way is remarkable, and this is testament to the very hard work and commitment put in by IMLI's Director, Professor David Attard, and all his colleagues.



Mr. Jim Harrison (Vice-Chairman, IMLI Governing Board and Chairman, IMLI Financial and Human Resources Committee) delivering his address

IMO MEMBER STATES COMMEND IMLI FOR 30 YEARS OF SUCCESS

The important role of IMLI in the training and education of government legal and maritime officers in the field of international maritime law has been recognized once again by IMO Member States. Congratulating IMLI on its achievements and its 30 years of success, at the 69th session of the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee held at the IMO Headquarters between 25 and 27 June 2019, representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Georgia, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Malta, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Thailand reiterated the crucial role IMLI plays in the enhancement of capacity-building of countries around the world, especially developing States.



Group Photo of IMLI Alumni and distinguished guests at the 30th Anniversary Ceremony

PRIME MINISTER OF MALTA ADDRESSES THE COMMEMORATIVE SEMINAR CELEBRATING IMLI'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The Honourable Prime Minister of Malta, Dr. Joseph Muscat, delivered an address entitled "IMLI – Malta's continuing commitment to the development of the international maritime legal order" during the Institute's Commemorative Seminar at the IMO Headquarters in London.



The Honourable Dr. Joseph Muscat (Prime Minister, Malta) delivering his address

The Honourable Prime Minister expressed his heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to Professor David Attard, under whose leadership the Institute has developed into a centre of excellence, which is internationally recognized.

He recalled that over the last 30 years, the Institute has been of continuous relevance to the IMO as an international institute for the training of specialists in the field of international maritime law.

Dr. Muscat reiterated the Maltese Government's commitment to the work of the Institute which, in his opinion, has an important role to play in developing national expertise for the implementation of existing and future international maritime rules.

PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA ADDRESSES IMLI'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE SEMINAR

The President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Judge Jin-Hyun Paik, delivered a speech on "The rule of law and the importance of capacity-building", on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of IMLI.



Judge Jin-Hyun Paik (President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea) delivering his speech

He recognized the great contribution of IMLI to the rule of law in the world's oceans, by training qualified candidates from all over the world, particularly from developing countries. With its focus on legislative drafting techniques designed to assist participants in the process of incorporating into national law international conventions and instruments adopted by the IMO and other relevant international organizations, President Paik noted that the Institute has played a key role in helping those countries to build national capacity for implementing international maritime law and thus ensuring safer shipping and cleaner oceans.

President Paik congratulated IMLI for its outstanding achievements in the past three decades and expressed his best wishes for the further invaluable service of the Institute to the international community and the world's oceans for many years to come.



Members of the IMLI Governing Board attending the 30th Anniversary Celebration

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IMLI'S 31ST ACADEMIC YEAR

IMLI welcomed its 31st generation of students for the 2019-2020 academic year on 30 September 2019.

Addressing the new students, Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) said that it was an honour and privilege to welcome such a diverse class from all over the world to IMLI's 31st academic year. He noted that studying at IMLI is not only an academic experience but also it will enhance students' professional capabilities to enable them, upon their return, to give the best to their countries.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) meeting the IMLI Class of 2019-2020

IMLI'S INAUGURAL LECTURE

The inaugural lecture for the academic year 2019-2020 was delivered by Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division). In welcoming the students, Mr. Kenney informed them of 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 at home or as delegates to the IMO. He further reminded them that the ratification and implementation of relevant IMO Conventions is the responsibility of States and that they are expected to play a pivotal role in guiding their respective States to comply with these obligations.



Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division) delivering the inaugural lecture to the IMLI Class of 2019-2020

In cognizance of the IMO's theme for this year, Mr. Kenney highlighted the role of women in creating a truly diverse shipping workforce and commended IMLI's role in empowering women in the maritime community.

Mr. Kenney's lecture introduced the students to the work of IMO, the relationship between IMO and United Nations and how conventions are made at IMO.

DIRECTOR OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION OF IMO LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Juvenal J.M. Shiundu (Director, IMO Technical Cooperation Division) visited the Institute on the 20 November 2019, and gave an enlightening lecture to the IMLI Class of 2019-2020 regarding IMO's Technical Cooperation Programme.



Mr. Juvenal J.M. Shiundu (Director, IMO Technical Cooperation Division) delivering his lecture

He stated that because many developing countries cannot yet give full and complete effect to IMO's instruments, the IMO established an Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme, with the singular purpose of assisting countries in building up their human and institutional capacities for uniform and effective compliance with its regulatory framework. Mr. Shiundu stated further that this is achieved through capacity-building in the maritime sector.

This lecture was very beneficial to the students, who came to realise how vital IMLI is to IMO in achieving its aim of generating national expertise for the full and complete effect to its instruments. More importantly, students came to the understanding of how crucial their individual contributions will become, not only to their countries but also to the IMO, in meeting the objectives of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme. Students who are current beneficiaries of fellowships provided through this Programme were even more appreciative of the understanding gained.

IMLI AND FAO HOLD SECOND ANNUAL TRAINING COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES LAW

For the second time, IMLI, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) held a three-week competency-based International Fisheries Law Training Course at the Institute's premises.

The continuation of this course was as a result of FAO's recognition of IMLI's unique capacity-building expertise in maritime legislation drafting which led FAO to designate IMLI as a training partner.

The participants, who were Senior Fishing Officers from the Latin American and Caribbean region, were welcomed by Professor David Attard, whilst the inaugural lecture was given by Judge Óscar Cabello Sarubbi of Paraguay. Additionally, the then Deputy Registrar of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Dr. Ximena Hinrichs, also delivered a lecture on Settlement of Disputes.

The Course is developed within the framework of FAO's Global Capacity Development Programme to support the implementation of the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures. The Course was successfully completed under the overall supervision of Professor Norman Martinez and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with Judge Óscar Cabello Sarubbi (Judge, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea), FAO Officers and the Course participants

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS AT IMLI

Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja

After diligently and continuously serving the Institute for a period of over 10 years, Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja was promoted to the position of *Senior Lecturer* in June 2019. On her well-deserved promotion, Ms. Kazara-Belja had this to say: I am honoured by the promotion and very proud to be part of the Institute. IMLI has helped me grow professionally and has given me the opportunity to serve the international maritime community for the last 12 years. I would like to thank in particular Professor Attard for his guidance, encouragement and support and for ensuring that female professionals are empowered and walk side by side with their male counterparts. Long live IMLI!



Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja

Mr. Murat Sümer

In September 2019, Mr. Murat Sümer, a graduate of IMLI, was appointed as *The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Law*. Prior to joining the Institute, Mr. Sümer worked, since 2008, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in Turkey, including his appointment as Alternate Permanent Representative to IMO. More recently, Mr. Sümer served as the Head of the Maritime Section at the MFA. Mr. Sümer has also lectured junior diplomats from several countries in subjects pertaining to International Maritime Law.



Mr. Murat Sümer

Ms. Ramat Jalloh

Until November 2018, when she had to return to her home country for personal reasons, Ms. Ramat Jalloh had been lecturing at IMLI for five years. The Institute is pleased to welcome her back after her re-appointment in September 2019. On re-joining the Faculty, Ms. Jalloh said that coming back to IMLI was like coming back home.



Ms. Ramat Jalloh

Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo

Dr. Ángeles Jiménez was appointed as *The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance* in August 2019. She is no stranger to IMLI, as Dr. Jiménez joined IMLI in 2018 as *The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Law*. Before joining the Institute, Dr. Jiménez was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree in Law, *summa cum laude*, by the Universidad de Jaén, in Spain.



Dr. Ángeles Jiménez

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