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WORLD MARITIME DAY 2006 CELEBRATED AT IMLI

On World Maritime Day 2006, IMLI had as special guest, the Honorable Censu Galea, Minister for Competitiveness and Communications, Malta.

The following are excerpts from Minister Galea's address to the students:

"Once again it is my great pleasure to mark World Maritime Day together with yet another group of students of the International Maritime Law Institute, IMO's premier institution for maritime law training.

"Since its inception in 1988, IMLI has trained over 360 lawyers in international maritime law. With this 18th intake, we have with us today for the first time students representing Jordan and Kazakhstan, bringing the total number of nationalities represented by IMLI graduates together with this year's future graduates to 109 States, territories and land areas spread around the globe. This year also marks the intake of an unprecedented 35 new students, the largest class ever. An outstanding achievement and an irrefutable proof that IMLI is living up to its motto of "serving the rule of international maritime law."

"Malta is truly proud of hosting such an important institution. It is a continuation of Malta's continuing commitment for the promotion of international co-operation in the global pursuit for safer seas and cleaner oceans.

"This year's theme for World Maritime Day is "Technical Co-operation, IMO's response to the 2005 World Summit". As the IMO Secretary-General pointed out in his message, it is indeed a theme befitting the Organisation's *raison d'être* – that of being a service provider not only to the maritime community but also in the wider context of the international agenda set by the United Nations in the Millennium Declaration.

"Six years ago, the adoption of the Millennium Declaration by the General Assembly of the United Nations was a defining moment for global co-operation in the 21st century. The Declaration set out the key challenges facing humanity and established measures, known as the Millennium Development Goals to meet these challenges.

"Maritime activity has a key role to play in the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger. It already provides an important source of income and employment for many developing countries through



Minister for Competitiveness and Communications, The Honorable Censu Galea, addresses the Class of 2006-2007 on the occasion of World Maritime Day 2006

activities such as the registration of vessels, the supply of manpower, shipbuilding and repair, and port services.

"When seen in a wider context, shipping has an even more important role to play as sea transport remains by far the most cost-effective way to move goods and raw materials around the world and the vast majority of global trade is carried by ship. It is important to emphasize however, that developing countries not only partake in this global activity but also carry out their obligations as members of the wider maritime community.

"Environmental sustainability in shipping is a central theme and thus it is completely in line with the corresponding development goal as evidenced by the IMO's motto "Cleaner Seas – Safer Oceans".

"As far as the environment is concerned, shipping – represented by the world body IMO – makes a notable contribution thanks to the comprehensive array of measures developed and adopted by the Organisation and put in place by its Members and the industry. Enhancing marine environment protection along the coasts leads to improved fishing catches of the non-industrial kind prevalent in developing countries, cleaner waters and coasts, increased tourism and improved integrated coastal zone management.

"The Green Paper on Maritime Policy is presently being discussed at European Union level. Commissioner Joe Borg has come forward with a proposal that can be applied worldwide, even though it originated from one particular region.

"The year long consultation period on this green paper coincides with your presence at IMLI. I believe that during the coming months you will have the opportunity to discuss in certain depth, the contents and relevance of this paper to both European and international maritime activities.

"A final note that concerns you as future alumni of this Institute, I am sure that your varied experiences will, during the coming months, help you both individually and as a group, to broaden your maritime experiences. Within a few months you will all be better prepared to face the challenges that maritime activities bring about, sometimes unexpectedly."



IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Eftimios Mitropoulos, with Members of the IMLI Governing Board

SWISS GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR IMLI



*Dr. Reto Dürler,
Head of the
Swiss Maritime
Navigation Office*

The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Switzerland, in coordination with the Swiss Maritime Navigation Office, has recently renewed its Donor's Agreement with IMLI.

The agreement covers a fixed annual financial contribution to the Institute for four academic years beginning 2007-2008 to 2010-2011. This financial contribution will enable the Institute to continue with its program of providing post-graduate study and research opportunities in the field of international maritime law to government-nominated candidates. It is anticipated that many deserving students will benefit from this generous contribution and their training at the Institute will enable them to assist the maritime sectors in their respective home countries when they return from their studies.

This contribution would not have been possible without the kind assistance of Dr. Peter Müller, Secretary General of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. Reto Dürler, Head of the Swiss Maritime Navigation Office. Special mention should also be made to the continuing support of IMLI's Swiss graduate, Ms. Iris Wigger, who now works in the Swiss Maritime Navigation Office.

IMO FUNDING FOR IMLI SCHOLARS

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) continues with its support to IMLI funding. Its funding covers four full scholarships and one partial scholarship granted to deserving government-nominated candidates in 2006-2007 and will be again available for academic year 2007-2008.

Recipients of this year's scholarships are: Mr. Ri Hyon Chol (The Democratic People's Republic of Korea), Mr. Ri Chol Ung (The Democratic People's Republic of Korea), Mr. Robert Vassallo (Malta), Mr. Guillermo Bouroncle (Peru), and Ms. Veronica Najima (The United Republic of Tanzania).

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE U. S. COAST GUARD VISITS IMLI



Rear Admiral William Baumgartner, Judge Advocate General of the U. S. Coast Guard, lectures to the Class of 2006-2007

Rear Admiral William D. Baumgartner, Judge Advocate General of the U. S. Coast Guard, visited IMLI and delivered a lecture on "Maritime Security and Law Enforcement: Migration and Other Pressing Challenges".

During his lecture, he emphasized the need to address maritime security threats because of the impact it has on the global economy.

NIPPON FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO SUPPORT IMLI



Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, pins the marker on the IMLI Map signifying the participation of the first IMLI graduate from Japan, Mr. Takashi Arikawa, as part of IMLI's global network

The Nippon Foundation continues to support deserving government-nominated IMLI scholars for the fifth straight academic year. The Foundation has agreed to provide funding for ten scholarships for academic year 2007-2008. The support is given through its joint project with IMLI, known as the "Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Legal Order for the Oceans".



IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Efthimios Mitropoulos, during the 2005-2006 Graduation Ceremony

CHIEF OF THE FRENCH NAVY MEETS IMLI CLASS 2006-2007

The Chief of the French Navy, Admiral Alain Oudot de Dainville, recently visited IMLI. Professor Attard, in welcoming the Admiral, stressed the importance of the role of France in the development of international maritime law. He expressed the hope that soon a French lawyer would study at IMLI.

In his reply, the Admiral remarked that they would endeavor to select a suitable officer to study at IMLI. He also looked forward to further cooperation with the Institute and offered to send a specialist in Maritime Security to lecture at IMLI.



Admiral Alain Oudot de Dainville, Chief of the French Navy, His Excellency, Mr. Jean-Marc Rives, Ambassador of France to Malta, and Professor David Attard with the Class of 2006-2007

IMLI-ITF SEAFARERS' TRUST JOINT PROJECT FOR "THE HUMAN DIMENSION IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW: SEAFARERS' RIGHTS"

IMLI and the International Transport Workers' Federation's Seafarers' Trust (ITF Seafarers' Trust) are working towards the establishment of their Joint Project relating to "The Human Dimension in International Maritime Law: Seafarers' Rights".

The Project is intended to provide for the promotion, adoption and implementation of international maritime rules and standards relating to seafarers' rights. The Project will be undertaken in two phases. The first phase will focus on the consolidation of the Institute's ongoing programmes on international maritime labour law, and will involve the setting up of dedicated, specialized research facilities on seafarers' rights. The second phase of the project will then focus on the provision of two scholarships to deserving senior legal government officials to pursue studies at IMLI's LL.M. Programme during the academic year 2007-2008.

The Project is the product of a long-standing collaboration between the two Institutions, during which the ITF and the ITF Seafarers' Trust have provided scholarship funding for deserving candidates to pursue LL. M. studies at IMLI. The beneficiaries of these scholarships have been: Ms. Krasimira Danailova (Bulgaria), Ms. Lia Paresahvili (Georgia), Ms. Josephine Nkrumah (Ghana), Mr. John Kouni (Solomon Islands), Mr. Michel Amafo (Suriname), and Ms. Margarita Rodriguez Salaberry (Uruguay).

The ITF is an international trade union federation of transport workers' unions. Its membership includes 681 unions representing 4,500,000 transport workers in 148 countries, and has been helping seafarers since 1896. Today it represents the interests of seafarers worldwide, of whom over 600,000 are members of ITF-affiliated unions.

IMLI ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

Applications to the following academic programmes are now being invited:

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME – The Programme is solely researched-based and involves a high degree of independence from candidates. It requires the submission and successful defense of a thesis of not more than 100,000 words. Studies for the degree should be completed within three to five years from first enrolment. To qualify for the Programme, candidates must hold a Master's degree from a recognized university or academic institution, or hold qualifications of comparable standard.

MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW – The one-year study Programme consists of education in international law, law of the sea, shipping law, marine environmental law, and drafting of maritime legislation. Admission to the Programme is open to a limited number of students in any academic year. A university degree in law and proficiency in the English language are pre-requisites to admission. Financial assistance may be available.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAW – The Programme requires the candidate to earn a total of 25 credits by successfully following and completing credits on distinct subject areas either within the Public International Maritime Law strand, the Private International Maritime Law strand or the General International Maritime Law strand. Credits must be undertaken between one to five academic years from first enrolment.



General Workers' Union Secretary-General, Mr. Tony Zarb, Deputy Secretary-General International, Mr. Michael Parnis, with Professor David Attard and the Class of 2006-2007

The ITF has a strong role in representing the interests of transport workers' unions in bodies which take decisions affecting jobs, employment conditions, or safety in the transport industry, such as the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Its work focuses on the improvement of conditions for seafarers of all nationalities and to ensure adequate regulation of the shipping industry to protect the interests and rights of the workers.

IMLI ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr. **YONGSHENG CAI** (China, Class of 2006) has been appointed Officer, Division of the U. N. Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China.

Mr. **IAKOPA ITALELI** (Tuvalu, Class of 2001) has been appointed Cabinet Minister for Health and Minister for Education and Sports, Tuvalu.

Mr. **KINIVILIAME KETECA** (Fiji, Class of 1994) has been appointed Magistrate, Suva, Fiji.

Ms. **SANDRA OPOKU** (Ghana, Class of 2005) has been appointed Legal Officer (Assistant to the General Manager for Legal Services), Ghana Ports and Harbors Authority, Ghana.

Mr. **JOSEPH PYAWAN** (Papua New Guinea, Class of 2005) has been appointed Legal Officer, National Maritime Safety Authority, Papua New Guinea.

Ms. **TATIANA SAKSINA** (The Russian Federation, Class of 2005) has been appointed Senior Legal Adviser, Council for the Study of Productive Resources, Russian Academy of Science, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Russian Federation.

Mr. **FIELAKEPA SIOSAIA TUPOU ALEAMOTU'A** (Tonga, Class of 1996) has been appointed Lord Chamberlain of Palace Office, Tonga.

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Former UN General Assembly President and President Emeritus of Malta, Professor Guido de Marco, with the Class of 2006-2007



IMO lawyer, Ms. Nihan Unlu, with the female members of the Class of 2006-2007



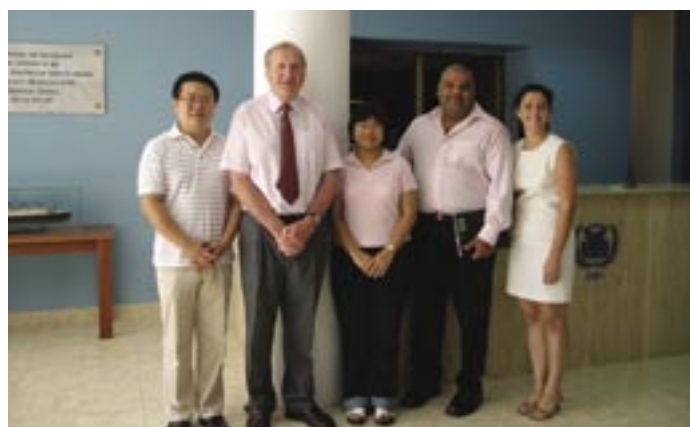
Former President of Portugal, His Excellency, Dr. Mario Soares, with students from Portuguese-speaking countries



Ambassador of China to Malta, Mr. Liu Zhengxiu, with Professor David Attard and Mr. Qian Hai, IMLI student from China



University of Malta Rector, Professor Juanito Camilleri, IMLI Governor, Professor Frank Wiswall, and Professor David Attard with the Class of 2006-2007



Oxford University Professor Emeritus, Professor Francis Reynolds, with some members of the Class of 2006-2007 during a reception tendered in his honor



Ambassador of the United States of America to Malta, Ms. Molly Bordonaro, with Professor David Attard and students of the Islamic faith belonging to the Class of 2006-2007 during the Iftar Dinner hosted by the Ambassador



Ambassador of Greece to Malta, Ms. Dorothea Tsimboukeli-Douvos, pins the marker on the IMLI Map indicating the inclusion of Kazakhstan as part of IMLI's global network, in the presence of IMLI Governor, Professor Marko Pavliha

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