



LIBYAN MARITIME AUTHORITY PRESIDENT VISITS IMLI

The Institute welcomed on 9 January 2014 Mr. Sharafeddin Banghazi (President of the Libyan Maritime Authority) who paid an official visit to IMLI and met with the students of the Class of 2013/2014. Mr. Banghazi was accompanied by Eng. Mustafa S. Saghir (Manager of the Maritime Affairs Department), Mr. E. Hassan A. Nowara (Head of the Committee of the International Ship & Port Facility Security (ISPS Code)), Mr. Issam Abdallah Elgerwi (Manager of Maritime Transport Affairs), Dr. Gordon Cutajar (Assistant Registrar of Ships, Transport Malta) and Dr. Ivan Tabone (Assistant Registrar of Ships, Seafarer Certification Unit, Transport Malta).

The distinguished guests were welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI) who recalled that IMLI and the Libyan authorities enjoy strong links especially through the lawyers who have pursued studies in international maritime law at IMLI. Professor Attard noted that the Libyan authorities have always acknowledged the unique training that lawyers receive at IMLI and therefore have supported the choice of their officers to enhance their knowledge in international maritime law at the Institute. Professor Attard said that he looks forward to receiving more lawyers from Libya who will in turn contribute to capacity building in Libya and the development of the maritime industry in the country.



Mr. Sharafeddin Banghazi (President of the Libyan Maritime Authority) meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2013/2014

Mr. Banghazi thanked Professor Attard for his warm welcome and stated that to the Libyan authorities IMLI is a very important Institution that valuably contributes to the development of international maritime law. Mr. Banghazi noted that the Head of the Legal Department of the Libyan Maritime Authority is an IMLI Graduate whose outstanding performance in his many obligations is attributed to the training he received at IMLI. It is for this reason that he was looking forward to visit the Institute during his short stay in Malta as he wanted to meet the Director, students and staff and explore the possibility of further training of the Libyan officers. Mr. Banghazi stated that the association of the Institute with IMO and other important international organizations, enables the lawyers pursuing studies at IMLI to greatly benefit from such links and to receive knowledge on the latest development of international maritime law.

Mr. Banghazi was very pleased to meet the students of the academic year 2013/2014 who, in his opinion, form an excellent diverse body of lawyers representing different legal and cultural backgrounds.

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