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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE VISITS IMLI

The Institute had the pleasure of welcoming the Honourable Mr. Joe Mizzi (Minister for Transport and the Infrastructure of Malta) on 27 February, 2014. During his visit, Mr. Mizzi met with the Director, who introduced him to the students of the Class of 2013/2014.



The Honourable Mr. Joe Mizzi (Minister for Transport and the Infrastructure of Malta) meeting the students of the IMLI Class of 2013/2014

Professor Attard stated that he was pleased to welcome the Honourable Minister to the Institute and that his presence consolidates further the commitment of successive Maltese Governments to the cause of the Institute. The Director further noted that Mr. Mizzi has, with great pleasure, throughout his carrier – including in his current position as the Minister for Transport – supported the Institute and its activities.

In his address to the students, the Honourable Minister stated that he was very pleased to visit IMLI and commended the Director for his utmost dedication to the Institute. He stated that he himself was a once a seafarer and he acknowledged that it is not an easy task to be in that profession. He declared that seafarers are exposed not just to the perils of the sea, but also to the perils of man, through the treatment they are subjected to by certain Coastal States.

Having been himself a victim of unfair treatment, Mr. Mizzi confirmed that this is the reason why he has a lot of respect for the training received by lawyers at the Institute. He concluded by reiterating his assurance that IMLI trained students will provide the much needed service in the field of international maritime law to their respective countries and more importantly will safeguard the human rights of seafarers all over the world.

The visit of the Honourable Minister concluded with the unveiling of a plaque which commemorates the support the Institute has received from the Government of Malta.

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