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LLOYD'S REGISTER GROUP LEGAL DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES IN IMLI'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Mr. Jim Harrison (Group Legal Director, Lloyd's Register Group) and a Member of the Institute's Governing Board delivered a speech titled "IMLI, A Shipping Industry Perspective" at IMLI's 25th Anniversary celebrations.



Mr. Jim Harrison (Group Legal Director, Lloyd's Register Group) delivering his speech at the Commemorative Seminar held at the IMO Headquarters in London

In his address, Mr. Harrison stated that during the 15 years he has been privileged to be associated with IMLI, he has obtained enormous professional and personal satisfaction to see IMLI thrive and grow, both 'physically' and in reputation, into the renowned international legal institution it is today. He noted with pride the impact IMLI graduates are making in the correct and consistent implementation of maritime legislation devised and promulgated by IMO.

Mr. Harrison congratulated IMLI and concluded by saying that he is very pleased that the Lloyd's Register Foundation and other members of their Group have, for many years, seen fit to fund IMLI.

Mr. Jim Harrison's speech on "IMLI, A Shipping Industry Perspective" is recaptured below:

I have had the privilege of serving as a director of IMLI for more than 15 years and Chairman of its Finance & Personnel Committee for 7 years. During this time it has given me enormous professional and personal satisfaction to see IMLI thrive and grow, both physically and reputationally, into the renowned international legal institution it is today.

As Legal Director to the Lloyd's Register Group it is my responsibility to provide legal advice and assistance to more than 10,000 colleagues working in nearly 150 subsidiary companies in 240 offices in 78 countries. Consequently, it is very important to me and my organisation, and others like us, to know that maritime legislation, devised and promulgated in this legislative forum, is implemented correctly and consistently, by all 170 member states of the International Maritime Organisation. It is the many graduates of IMLI who provide that consistency and quality of national legislative interpretation and implementation of IMO treaties and conventions. This is enormously beneficial to international organisations like Lloyd's Register and the ship designers, ship builders and ship owners we serve – as well as for the IMO member states themselves.

Also, every year over the last 15 years I have enjoyed meeting the IMLI graduates either in Malta or London. One of the things that impresses me is the unique way in which IMLI, through its permanent and visiting academic staff, provides a comparative view of how different legal regimes address maritime legal issues. This is a fascinating and invaluable perspective which inculcates in the IMLI students a sense of respect for other countries legal systems, whether they are based on Roman law, common or canon law, Islamic law or some other legal regime.

When I meet and talk to the IMLI graduates in our historic building a little down river from here in the City of London it is very encouraging to see them ready and waiting to return to their respective countries to put into practice the legal skills and knowledge they have acquired at IMLI in Malta.

I am very pleased that the Lloyd's Register Foundation and other members of our Group have, for many years, seen fit to fund IMLI both in terms of IS infrastructure in its early years and, more recently, in 3 student scholarships per year.

On behalf of one venerable institution which has recently celebrated 250 years of service to the world's maritime community I wish to convey our congratulations and very best wishes for the future to another esteemed institution which is celebrating its 25th birthday here today.

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