



HRH PRINCESS MAHA CHAKRI SIRINDHORN OF THAILAND VISITS IMLI

IMLI had the honour of welcoming Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand, who visited the Institute on Tuesday the 26 August 2014. HRH was warmly welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI), and other members of the staff.



Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand with Professor David Attard

Professor Attard informed HRH that IMLI has always maintained very close ties with her country. Several senior judicial officers (from the Supreme Court and the Central Intellectual Property and International Trade Court) and senior government officials from Thailand have successfully completed the Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme in International Maritime Law at IMLI. Professor Attard was pleased to announce that even in the forthcoming academic year, which is scheduled to commence on 10 October 2014, a member of the Thailand Judiciary has been admitted to pursue the Master of Laws programme at the Institute.

Professor Attard also showed HRH the Certificate of Appreciation that was presented to the Institute in April 2007, by The Hon. Chief Justice Panya Thanomrod, the President of the Supreme Court of Thailand. The Certificate of Appreciation was presented in recognition of the Institute's contribution in co-operating with or supporting academic development to improve the knowledge and expertise of judges and judicial service officers of the Courts of Justice.



Professor David Attard showing Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn the Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Institute

Present on the occasion were Dr. Awni Behnam, President of the International Ocean Institute (IOI), Professor Salvino Busuttil, Host Country Representative, Ms. Antonella Vassallo, IOI General Manager (Interim) & OceanLearn Coordinator and representatives of the University of Malta.

HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn was in Malta on a private visit at the invitation of the University of Malta and the International Ocean Institute (IOI), the Headquarters of which is located at the University. The invitation was extended to her during the presentation of the Elisabeth Mann Borgese Medal to HRH last year in Bangkok, Thailand during the IOI's Pacem in Maribus Conference XXXIV.

HRH was awarded the medal by IOI for her contribution to issues of environmental protection and education in Thailand in support of Thailand's role in international fora through her outstanding leadership and initiatives aimed at using education as a means of community and social development and environmental protection.

HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn was born Her Royal Highness Princess Sirindhorn Debaratanasuda on 2 April 1955 to His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, King Rama IX, and Her Majesty Queen Sirikit of Thailand. She has rendered public service continuously since her early youth.

In recognition of the distinguished service rendered to the nation and to humanity worldwide, His Majesty the King has conferred upon HRH the 'Orders of the Kingdom of Thailand'. HRH has also received the 'Orders of Other Nations' which were conferred upon her in recognition of her significant contribution to relations between nations.

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