IMLI CONVEYS ITS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MIKE OKHAI AKHIGBE

It is with profound sadness that the Institute informs its readers of the passing away of one of its alumni, Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe.

Mr. Akhigbe attended IMLI during the academic year 2001-2002. He was very focused on his academic work and achieved very good results. His areas of research for his Dissertation and Maritime Legislation Drafting Project were on the *"Enforcement of Maritime Law: The Nigerian Perspective"* and "*Maritime Security Act 2000*" respectively. At the time of his studies at the Institute, he was already a Vice-Admiral in the Nigerian Navy.

Professor David Attard congratulating Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe on his graduation

Vice Admiral Mike Okhai Akhigbe delivering the Valedictory Address on behalf of his class during the Graduation Ceremony held on 18 May 2002

Upon his graduation from IMLI, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Benin in 2003. Mr. Akhigbe was a one-time Vice President of Nigeria from 1998 to 1999. His achievements in the public service of his country were greatly appreciated and he was considered a model for bravery, courage and compassion.

Upon hearing the sad news of his passing away, the IMLI Class of 2013/2014 together with the lecturers held a minute of silence in his honour.

Mr. Okhai, as he was fondly known at IMLI during his year as a student, was always a great supporter of the Institute and its work. The Director and Staff wish to express their heartfelt condolences to the family for the sad loss.

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