



MR. KOJI SEKIMIZU (SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE IMO) ANNOUNCES THE 27TH LL.M. PROGRAMME OF THE INSTITUTE

Mr. Koji Sekimizu (Secretary-General, IMO), by Circular Letter No. 3506 and published on Monday 19 January 2015, invited the Governments of all IMO Member States to nominate candidates to participate in the 27th LL.M. programme of the Institute, which will commence on 12 October 2015 .

The Secretary-General reiterates the importance of the LL.M programme at IMLI by stating that *‘Designed as an intensive and specialized postgraduate programme for graduates in law, the programme includes an introduction to shipping, intensive education in maritime law and training in the drafting of maritime legislation. It has been recognized as a most effective way to assist developing countries in training their own nationals who would subsequently constitute the initial nucleus of a well-established capability in maritime law and in the drafting of maritime legislation, which is of paramount importance for the protection of the marine environment and the safe operation and development of the shipping and port industries.’*

As noted in the Circular Letter, participation is offered on the widest possible geographical basis, but the number of admissions is limited owing to the intensive nature of the programme. In this regard, and for the timely selection and notification of candidates, **it is essential that the nomination form, application form and scholarship form, where applicable, reach the Institute by 9 March 2015.** It also noteworthy that annually fifty per cent of admissions are reserved for suitably qualified women candidates. For any inquiries please contact the Institute at admissions@imli.org.

The relevant application packages for government-nominated and self-financed candidates, including information about the Institute, admissions and application forms, can be downloaded by accessing our website at www.imli.org.

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Circular letter No.3506
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To: All IMO Member States
Subject: **27th LL.M. Programme at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute, Malta, October 2015 to June 2016**

1. The Secretary-General is pleased to announce that the 27th LL.M. Programme will be held at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute in Malta from October 2015.
2. Designed as an intensive and specialized postgraduate programme for graduates in law, the programme includes an introduction to shipping, intensive education in maritime law and training in the drafting of maritime legislation. It has been recognized as a most effective way to assist developing countries in training their own nationals who would subsequently constitute the initial nucleus of a well-established capability in maritime law and in the drafting of maritime legislation, which is of paramount importance for the protection of the marine environment and the safe operation and development of the shipping and port industries.
3. The Institute was established in Malta under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization with the generous provision of the premises and related facilities by the Government of Malta.
4. Nomination of candidates by the Government concerned (Nominating Authority) should be made using the nomination form, which forms part of the "**Application Package for Nominated Candidates for 2015-2016**" which can be found and downloaded from the Institute's website: www.imli.org. All completed forms should be sent to IMLI directly.

For the timely selection and notification of candidates, **it is essential that the nomination form, application form and scholarship form, where applicable, reach the Institute by 9 March 2015.** The selection of candidates will take place soon after that deadline and those selected will be informed accordingly by the Institute thereafter.

5. Participation is offered on the widest possible geographical basis, but the number of admissions is limited owing to the intensive nature of the Programme. Accordingly, should nominations be made for two or more candidates from one country, it would be appreciated if a priority order could be indicated. Fifty per cent of admissions are reserved for suitably qualified women candidates.
6. The Nominating Authority is responsible for payment of the programme fee, which is currently set at €31,000 (Euros) per student, and any other costs related to the student's participation in the course, including travel to and from Malta and any related visa requirements. Where a fellowship is confirmed to be available, the Nominating Authority remains responsible for the payment of any costs above and beyond the stated fellowship amount, particularly with regard to travel to and from Malta and any related visa fees.
7. Where financial assistance is required, the application form should be accompanied by the payment of a scholarship application fee of €200 in the form of a bank transfer to the Institute's bank account (all bank transfer charges are to be borne by the applicant) and a duly completed Scholarship Application Form. This scholarship application fee is in addition to the application and processing fee of €150. The scholarship application fee covers all administration costs incurred in approaching potential donors and seeking scholarship funding for the candidates while the application processing fee covers the cost of compiling applicants' files, preparing their individual profiles, keeping them informed and assisting accepted candidates until their arrival at the Institute.
8. Detailed information on the programme syllabus and application procedures are part of the "Application Package for Nominated Candidates for 2015-2016" which can be found and downloaded from the Institute's website: www.imli.org.
9. The Secretary-General wishes to take this opportunity once again to express appreciation to the Government of Malta for its support.



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