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## JAPANESE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME LAWYER APPOINTED AS MEMBER OF THE IMLI GOVERNING BOARD

Mr. Koji Sekimizu (IMO Secretary-General and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) appointed Mr. Masamichi Hasebe (Senior Legal Counsel, Japan Association of Maritime Safety) as a Member of the IMLI Governing Board. Professor Attard congratulated Mr. Hasebe on his appointment and noted that he will be a great addition to the Governing Board which is composed of members representing the major legal systems of the world and who have an outstanding expertise in the field of international maritime law.



*Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and Mr. Masamichi Hasebe (Senior Legal Counsel, Japan Association of Marine Safety) with The Nippon Foundation scholars for the academic year 2012-2013*

He recalled that Mr. Hasebe has been supporting the Institute's academic activities, both as a visiting fellow and a member of the Nippon Foundation Selection Body of scholarship candidates studying at IMLI, for several years. Through his active engagement in the selection process of The Nippon Foundation, he has been instrumental in the award of scholarships to deserving Government-nominated candidates who have pursued their studies at the Institute and are playing an important role in their countries or regions.

Mr. Hasebe read law at University of Tokyo and attained his LL.M. from University College of London. He is currently pursuing his Doctoral Degree in Law at University of Tsukuba, Japan.

Mr. Hasebe commenced his career as a Legal Counsel at the International Oil Pollution Compensation Funds. He then joined the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in Japan where he held several key positions including Director for International Affairs, Deputy Commander of Japan Coast Guard and Deputy Director-General of Kanto Transport Bureau. After serving as a Chief Researcher at Daiwa Institute of Research for three years, Mr. Hasebe was assigned to be the Deputy Director General of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Japan. He is now Senior Legal Counsel at the Japan Association of Marine Safety.

Mr. Hasebe has been an active member of various maritime and aviation associations in Japan. These include the Japanese Society of International Law, the Japan Society of Ocean Policy, the Japan Society of Logistics and Shipping Economic, and the Japan Association of Aviation Law.

Apart from his lecturing at IMLI, Mr. Hasebe has also been a visiting professor at the University of Kobe and the University of Takushoku.

Mr. Hasebe, who has published a number of academic papers, has extensively presented his papers at various academic conferences in the field of economics and law, including maritime security, shipping and logistics, transportation, and private finance initiatives.

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