

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN DR. YOHEI SASAKAWA RECEIVES THE IMO INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PRIZE

The IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Koji Sekimizu presented the IMO International Maritime Prize 2014 to Dr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman of The Nippon Foundation), during a ceremony held on 23 November, following the first day of the 29th session of the IMO Assembly.



Mr. Koji Sekimizu (Secretary-General, IMO) presenting the IMO International Maritime Prize 2014 to Dr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman, The Nippon Foundation)

The Prize presented to Dr. Sasakawa is in recognition of his contribution to the work of the Organization. Therefore, in presenting the Prize to Dr. Sasakawa, Mr. Sekimizu highlighted his long-standing dedication to maritime education and training through the initiatives of The Nippon Foundation and its generous support to both the World Maritime University (WMU) and IMLI.

In this respect, IMLI notes with pride the joined programme entitled *Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Global Legal Order for the Oceans*

which was officially launched in 2004 by Dr. Sasakawa during his visit to the Institute. Over the last eleven years, the Foundation's generous funding has enabled the training of 116 lawyers from 52 countries from around the globe.

The International Maritime Prize is awarded annually by IMO to the individual or organization judged to have made the most significant contribution to the work and objectives of the Organization. In awarding the prestigious Prize, the IMO Council recognizes Dr. Sasakawa's personal commitment to the development of future maritime leaders and his contribution to the enhancement of safety and security in vital shipping lanes.

The International Maritime Prize consists of a sculpture in the form of a dolphin and includes a financial award, upon submission of a paper written on a subject relevant to the IMO.

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