



AMBASSADOR OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA VISITS IMLI

His Excellency Mr. Jiang Jiang (Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of Malta) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 16 January 2017. During his visit the Ambassador had the opportunity to meet with Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI), the Institute's academic staff and the students of the Class of 2016-2017.



His Excellency Mr. Jiang Jiang (Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Republic of Malta) with the IMLI Class of 2016 – 2017

Professor Attard introduced the Ambassador to the work of IMLI and the various academic programmes it offers. He recalled that Chinese IMLI graduates have not only advanced their careers in their country but have also left their marks at international fora.

On his part, Ambassador Jiang informed Professor Attard that he is familiar with IMLI's reputation as a globally recognised international institution for maritime studies. He expressed his pleasure in finally visiting the Institute and meeting with him. He noted with appreciation IMLI's effort to reach out to Chinese professionals and to offer them the requisite training in international maritime law. Ambassador Jiang assured Professor Attard that he will endeavour to further strengthen the ties between IMLI and the Chinese authorities.

Upon meeting the IMLI Class of 2016 – 2017, Ambassador Jiang expressed his impression at the diversity of the Class and reiterated his commitment to ensuring the continuous participation of Chinese government officers in the IMLI programmes.

Ambassador Jiang obtained a Bachelor's degree in English language and literature from the Capital Normal University in Beijing, and a Master's degree in international relations from the University of Kent at Canterbury. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China (MFA) in 1986 and served in many capacities, including as Director and Counselor of the Central Foreign Affairs Office (1997 - 2001); Counselor at China's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York (2001 - 2004); Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of the General Office of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (2004 - 2006); Counselor of the Information Department of MFA (2006 - 2007), and Deputy Director-General and Director-General of the Department of Translation and Interpretation of MFA (2007—2013). Prior to his current assignment as Ambassador to Malta, Ambassador Jiang was China's Ambassador to Lebanon (2013 - 2016) and arrived in Malta in June 2016.

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