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## THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CONTRIBUTES TO IMLI'S ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

The Republic of Korea, through the IMO-RoK Technical Cooperation Programme for 2017, has granted two full scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year. These scholarships will enable two government officials to pursue studies in the Institute's Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme in International Maritime Law and Master of Humanities (M.Hum.) programme in International Maritime Legislation. In addition to these two scholarships, The Republic of Korea also donated the amount of USD 40,000 as a generous contribution to the development and maintenance of the IMLI Library.



His Excellency Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI)

When explaining the reason behind this contribution, the representative of the Republic of Korea to the IMO affirmed, at the Technical Cooperation Committee meeting, IMLI's outstanding achievements in the field of international maritime law. He expressed his delegation's gratitude and support for the Institute's significant contribution to the development of international maritime law through continuous education. It is in recognition of this special role of IMLI in education and training in international maritime law that 'this delegation provides scholarships and financial support for the IMLI Library this year...', he concluded.

Professor David Attard expressed his deepest appreciation to the Republic of Korea for its generous support towards the activities of the Institute. He stated that the funds provided have made it possible for two candidates from developing countries to access training at the Institute, and who, upon graduation and return to their home countries, will make a significant contribution to the development of their respective maritime administrations.

It could be recalled that the United Nations General Assembly, through its numerous resolutions including A/Res/71/257 of 23 December 2016 entitled "Oceans and the law of the sea", recognises the importance of the work of IMLI as a centre of education and training of specialists in maritime law, including government legal advisers and other high-level officials, mainly from developing States. The resolution and urged States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute which runs annually.

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