



DISTINGUISHED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Nobukatsu Kanehara (Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary and Deputy Secretary-General of the National Security Secretariat, Government of Japan), visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 21 February 2018 and delivered a lecture on the “Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 14) and National Ocean Policies” to the IMLI Class of 2017-2018.

Mr. Kanehara began his lecture by highlighting the fact that the last century was plagued by wars and revolutions. Recalling on the hardship encountered, he emphasized on the need to realize the 14 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to usher into a new international order.



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The distinguished speaker then discussed the specific aspects of human life that the SDGs aim to address, namely: health, education, gender (removing barriers thereto), water, energy, urbanization from industrialization, which includes the planning of cities to be human-friendly.

Afterwards, he focused on the significance of maritime resources as a means to achieve SDGs. He recalled that the sea is a medium of communication, transportation and transaction. It is thus undeniable that the oceans and the maritime resources play an integral role in the development of economies around the world. However, prescinding from the key word ‘sustainable’ in SDGs, there is a need, while making use of maritime resources and putting installations at sea such as deep sea and fiber cables, to protect the sea and its resources. A concrete example of a measure cited by Mr. Kanehara is for governments to blacklist those who take part in IUU fishing.

Mr. Kanehara concluded his lecture by reminding the students that realizing the SDGs, and hence, creating the new world order, requires creativity. However, as he noted, the right ideas can be transformed into viable solutions. Mr. Kanehara’s informative discussions and his optimistic message were very well received by the students.



Mr. Nobukatsu Kanehara (Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary and Deputy Secretary-General of the National Security Secretariat, Government of Japan) with Professor Atsuko Kanehara (Professor at Sophia University, Japan) and the IMLI Class of 2017-2018

Mr. Nobukatsu Kanehara serves as Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary and concurrently, as Deputy Secretary –General of National Security Secretariat, Government of Japan. Mr. Kanehara has been a career diplomat for over thirty (30) years. He served in such important posts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Director-General of International Legal Affairs Bureau, Deputy Director-General of European Affairs Bureau and Director of Policy Coordination Division, Foreign Policy Bureau, and was commissioned to several overseas minister or counselor posts in Washington D.C., New York and Seoul. In addition to his numerous governmental appointments, he has also devoted precious time to give lectures at Waseda University and to write articles and books on diplomacy and strategy, such as *A Grand Strategy of Japan for the 21st Century (Senryaku-gaikogenron, in Japanese)*.

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