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## IMLI AND ANKARA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTER OF THE SEA AND MARITIME LAW (DEHUKAM) SIGN COOPERATION PROTOCOL

Professor Dr. Erkan İbiş (Rector, Ankara University) and Professor Dr. Hakan Karan (Director, DEHUKAM) accompanied by a delegation of distinguished academics from Ankara University, Turkey visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 27 March 2018. The purpose of the visit was the signing of the Cooperation Protocol regarding Maritime Law between IMLI and DEHUKAM which took place in the presence of the IMLI Faculty and the Class of 2017-2018. The delegation comprised of Professor Dr. Muharrem Özen (Dean of the Faculty of Law, Ankara University) and Assistant Professor Dr. İlhan Karasubaşı (Coordinator for International Relations, Ankara University). H.E. Ms. Başak Türkoğlu, (Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Malta) also graced the occasion.



L-R: Assistant Professor Dr. İlhan Karasubaşı (Coordinator for International Relations, Ankara University), Professor Dr. Hakan Karan (Director of the Research Center of the Sea and Maritime Law, Ankara University), Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), H.E. Ms. Başak Türkoğlu, (Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Malta), Professor Dr. Erkan İbiş (Rector, Ankara University) and Professor Dr. Muharrem Özen (Dean of the Faculty of Law, Ankara University)

During the signing ceremony, Professor Attard stated that the Cooperation Protocol is for the mutual benefit of the two institutions. He recalled that Turkey is an important maritime State and IMLI is proud to further strengthen the working relationship with Turkey, especially with such a renowned institution. He likewise emphasised that this initiative may be beneficial to Turkey as the training of Turkish officers at IMLI will enable them to impart and apply their newly acquired knowledge and skills within the country's maritime domain.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) signing the Cooperation Protocol

In turn, Professor Dr. Erkan İbiş stated that he is looking forward to a fruitful cooperative relationship with IMLI, an Institute well known in the academic world. He extended a warm invitation to IMLI students and Faculty to visit the DEHUKAM.



Professor Dr. Erkan İbiş (Rector, Ankara University) signing the Cooperation Protocol

The signing ceremony was followed by a reception in honour of the visiting delegation.

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