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## **IMLI LAUDED AT THE IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

The IMO Technical Cooperation Committee recently applauded the invaluable contribution of IMLI to the training and education of government legal and maritime officers in the field of international maritime law. The Committee's deliberations on the role of IMLI followed the presentation of the Report on the activities of the Institute by its Director, Professor David Attard at the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee held at the IMO Headquarters on 20 June 2018.



*His Excellency, Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO), flanked left by Mr. Juvenal Shiundu (Acting Director, IMO Technical Cooperation Division) with Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and IMLI graduates attending the Meeting*

Professor Attard's Report covered in detail the activities of the Institute during the year under review, ranging from Governance and Management, Financial Matters and IMLI's contribution to the UN 2030 Agenda, among others.

Professor Attard informed the Committee about the Institute's steady growth to support its academic goals and capacity-building responsibilities. He also mentioned the significant increase in the number of students admitted to the Institute's programmes and courses, which in the academic year 2017-2018 witnessed unprecedented growth.

Professor Attard further informed the Committee about the fruitful collaboration IMLI continues to have with IMO, WMU and other maritime training institutions such as the Stockton Center for the Study of International Law, U.S. Naval War College, and the Queen Mary University, UK. IMLI also enjoys collaboration with individual experts in the field of International Maritime Law who visited the Institute and delivered theme-specific lectures and participated in the teaching programmes. Professor Attard also referred to the International Symposium entitled "Perspectives on Global Ocean Governance: Where do we stand and where do we go from here?" which was held jointly with Malta's Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion.

On publications, the Committee learned that the IMLI book series, *IMLI Studies in International Maritime Law*, continues to attract the interest of the international maritime legal community and that a three-volume publication titled "*IMLI Treatise on Global Ocean Governance*" will be published in 2018 by Oxford University Press.

Following Professor Attard's intervention, delegates from various States made notable comments.

The delegate from the Cook Islands emphasised the value of the training provided by IMLI on the Small Island States. As an IMLI graduate, she expressed her gratitude to the hard work and commitment provided by Professor David Attard, his team and staff at IMLI and the sponsors of the Institute. The delegate from Malta expressed his country's firm commitment and continued support for IMLI's activities. The delegate from Indonesia thanked IMLI and its Director, Professor Attard, for the hard work which is evident in a large number of IMLI graduates attending IMO meetings and making valuable contributions to their national maritime industry. The delegate also thanked IMLI for giving the opportunity to suitable women candidates in its training programmes which made it possible for the involvement of women in Indonesia's maritime affairs. Antigua and Barbuda's representative highlighted that global training and learning programmes are needed by developing countries to enable them to contribute effectively in upholding the rule of international maritime law. The Committee was informed that graduates of IMLI have acquired maritime knowledge, technical and legal skills to apply within their national administrations and regions. IMLI education also enables their representatives to collaborate with representatives of other States, who may be fellow IMLI graduates as well, for better cooperation in the effective

implementation of the international maritime law. Delegates from Brazil, Kenya and Nigeria made similar comments about IMLI's contribution to maritime education and training.

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