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THE CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF TRANSPORT MALTA VISITS IMLI

Mr. Joseph Bugeja (Chairman and CEO, Transport Malta) visited the Institute on 25 January 2019 to discuss future cooperation with IMLI. Mr. Bugeja was accompanied by Mr. Ivan Sammut (Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen) and Dr. Robert Vassallo (Senior Manager Legal, EU and International Affairs).



Mr. Joseph Bugeja (Chairman and CEO, Transport Malta) and the IMLI Class of 2018-2019

In receiving Mr. Bugeja and his delegation, Professor Attard expressed his pleasure to welcome them to IMLI. He noted, with appreciation, the support IMLI has always received from Transport Malta and that he would be pleased if that support is developed into institutional cooperation.

For his part, Mr. Bugeja noted that although his links to IMLI go way back, he was officially visiting the Institute for the first time. He noted that to Transport Malta, IMLI is a valid investment and that the Institute is an important flag for Malta. He acknowledged that IMLI, year after year, produces ambassadors for the industry and that he is familiar with the quality of the Institute's graduates.



IMLI (Professor David Attard and Associate Professor Norman Martinez) and Transport Malta (Mr. Joseph Bugeja, (Chairman and CEO, Transport Malta) Mr. Ivan Sammut (Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen) and Dr. Robert Vassallo (Senior Manager Legal, EU and International Affairs) during the discussion

The discussion between the two institutions focused on the future cooperation between IMLI and Transport Malta in various areas, particularly, the organisation of an International Seminar on Ports which will discuss the application of the IMO regulatory regime in ports and the various challenges currently faced in the implementation of such. It was agreed that a joint group would be set up to discuss further the logistics of the Seminar which, in the opinion of the representatives of both institutions, will serve as a platform for constructive discussions that will benefit the various actors involved in port activities.



Mr. Joseph Bugeja (Chairman and CEO, Transport Malta) and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI)

Mr. Bugeja also addressed the students, whom he referred to as ambassadors of their respective countries. He encouraged them to use the best opportunities offered by IMLI and wished them success in their studies. Mr. Bugeja reiterated Transport Malta's support to IMLI and extended an invitation to the students to visit the premises of Transport Malta.

Shortly before his departure, Mr. Bugeja stated his views about IMLI and its activities in the following words:

“As Chairman and CEO of Transport Malta, on behalf of my colleagues, I would like to convey and emphasise that we are strong believers in IMLI's very important role in all aspect of the international maritime sector. For over 30 years, IMLI has managed to build a great reput and respect for itself within the maritime industry. We consider all IMLI graduates as our ambassadors who eventually can be of assistance in handling this very important sector.”

Mr Joseph Bugeja has more than 40 years of experience in the maritime industry and he is a Fellow of the UK Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport.

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