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DEPUTY NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR OF JAPAN LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Nobukatsu Kanehara (Deputy National Security Advisor, Tokyo, Japan) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) on 4 March 2019 and delivered a lecture on ‘the Strategy for Maritime Security from Global and Regional Perspectives’ to the IMLI Class of 2018-2019.



Mr. Nobukatsu Kanehara (Deputy National Security Advisor, Tokyo, Japan) and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with the IMLI Class of 2018-2019

In his lecture, Mr. Kanehara explained that the purpose of this century is to create the liberal world order and that humanity has struggled to achieve this goal for more than two hundred years, and such efforts are eventually coming to fruition.

He described the liberal world order to mean a world where everyone’s dignity, freedom and equality are respected regardless of skin color, language, culture, gender, political creed or religion, and that some of the great men, the true leaders of humanity, such as Lincoln, Gandhi, Reverend King and Mandela stood up for this cause, and many fell under bullets.

Mr. Kanehara stated that the industrial revolution changed the world so quickly and that the transformation of the world order triggered many difficulties, complications and confusions,

described as calamities. The first calamity was the power struggle among the new industrial masters of the globe, which culminated in the two world wars. The second calamity associated with industrialization was the misery of city workers in the first phase of industrialization which produced the moderate labor union movement in the West as well as the communist dictatorship in the East, and the third calamity was the colonization of Asians and Africans and racial discrimination.

Mr. Kanehara said that the humanity overcame these problems in the last century. He said that the United Nations was established to guarantee the world peace, that the communist bloc disappeared with the demise of the Cold War and that all the Asians and Africans got back independence and dignity.



Mr. Nobukatsu Kanehara delivering his lecture

Mr. Kanehara argued that now in this new century, cooperation among the United States, India, Japan and Australia and Europe is critical in sustaining the trend towards the global liberal world order. He explained that reasons for such cooperation include shared universal values (human dignity, freedom, human rights, democracy, peace and non-violence), the freedom of navigation and free trade, and technological advancement for the better life of the people, among other reasons.



A cross-section of the Class

Mr. Nobukatsu Kanehara is the Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary and Deputy Secretary-General of National Security Secretariat, Government of Japan. He 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 30 years. He served 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 posts as minister or counsellor in Washington D.C., New York and Seoul. He also lectures at Waseda University and has written articles and books in diplomacy and strategy, such as “A Grand Strategy of Japan for the 21st Century” (Senryaku-gaiko-genron), in Japanese.

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