

IMLI CLASS VISITS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALTA

The IMLI Class of 2018-2019, accompanied by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and the Academic Staff visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta on 13 June 2019. The Class was welcomed by the Hon. Carmelo Abela (Minister, Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta).



*Hon. Carmelo Abela (Minister, Foreign Affairs of Malta)
and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI)*

Professor Attard briefed the Hon. Minister about IMLI's humble beginnings and the laudable achievements it has registered so far. He informed the Minister that IMLI is celebrating its 30th anniversary in the rule of international maritime law. He assured that IMLI graduates would continue to be good ambassadors of Malta in their respective countries, and as such could be of great help to the Government of Malta.



A cross-section of the students

On his part, Hon. Abela thanked Professor Attard and the IMLI staff for their significant contributions to the success of the Institute. He recognised that the strength of IMLI lies in the contribution of its graduates to the development and implementation of the rule of international maritime law. The Hon. Minister stated that Malta is indeed very proud to have hosted such a prestigious institution of international repute. He assured the students that the Government of Malta and his Ministry, in particular, will continue to support IMLI and its activities because they believe in what IMLI is doing.



The dialogue

At the end of his address, the Hon. Minister kindly entertained questions from the students. Professor Attard thanked the Hon. Minister for the warm reception.

The visit to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion is a long-standing practice where the IMLI graduates-to-be hold dialogue with the Honourable Minister on foreign affairs issues. The visit marks the end of the students' studies in Malta. This year's dialogue was held in the room named after Dr. Arvid Pardo (the Father of Modern Law of the Sea).

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