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## IMO CELEBRATES IMLI'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The IMO Secretary General, Mr. Kitack Lim hosted a Commemorative Seminar at the IMO Headquarters in London on 25 June 2019 to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI).

The Panel of Speakers, which was presided by Mr. Lim, included Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI), The Hon. Dr. Joseph Muscat (Prime Minister, Malta), Dr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman, The Nippon Foundation) who addressed the audience through a video, Judge Jin-Hyun Paik (President, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea) and Mr. Jim Harrison (Vice-Chairman, the IMLI Governing Board).



*Group Photo of IMLI Alumni and distinguished guests at the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony*

The Anniversary Ceremony was attended by many distinguished guests, including representatives of IMO Member States, Members of the IMLI Governing Board, Diplomatic Representatives and IMLI graduates.



*Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) delivering the opening remarks*

Mr. Lim delivered the opening remarks highlighting IMLI's firm commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. He informed the audience that in pursuit of its overall mission to enhance capacity-building among IMO member States, particularly developing States, IMLI provides training in all aspects of international maritime law, as well as in legislative drafting techniques.

Mr. Lim noted that in the year that IMO celebrates women in the maritime community, IMLI should be duly recognized for its efforts to reduce gender disparities in maritime education, by encouraging equal access to specialized maritime training to qualified female candidates. He recalled that IMLI is the first institution within the UN system to reserve 50 per cent of places of its programmes for deserving female candidates.

At the end of the ceremony, Mr. Lim acknowledged the long-standing exceptional contribution of Professor Attard to the success of IMLI and praised his outstanding commitment with a letter of appreciation and commemorative award, to mark his many years of distinguished service.



*Mr. Kitack Lim (Secretary-General, IMO) acknowledging the long-standing commitment of Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) with a letter of appreciation and commemorative award*

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