IMO MEMBER STATES COMMEND IMLI FOR 30 YEARS OF SUCCESS

The important role of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in the training and education of government legal and maritime officers in the field of international maritime law has been recognized once again by IMO Member States. Congratulating IMLI on its achievements and its 30 years of success, at the 69th session of the IMO Technical Cooperation Committee held at the IMO Headquarters between 25 and 27 June 2019, representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Georgia, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Malta, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Romania, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and Thailand reiterated the crucial role IMLI plays in the enhancement of capacity-building of countries around the world, especially developing States.
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. Professor Attard’s Report highlighted the key developments of the Institute for the year 2018, mainly related to governance and management. He stressed that of particular importance is the preparatory work undertaken throughout the year to produce IMLI’s draft strategic plan, which has been recently approved by the IMLI’s Governing Board.

During his intervention, Mr. Anthony Loke Siew Fook (the Honourable Minister of Transport of Malaysia) announced the donation of Euro 67,000 to the Institute for its fellowship programme. The generous funds of the Malaysian Government will enable the studies at the Institute of two government officials for the academic year 2019-2020. The Honourable Minister took this opportunity to inform the Committee that Mr. Mohd Nurrul Faiz Mohd Taib – the Malaysian student who attended IMLI’s Master of Humanities programme for the academic year 2018-2019 - was awarded Professor Walter Müller Prize for the Best Maritime Legislation Drafting Project during IMLI’s 30th Graduation Ceremony on 15th June 2019.
Professor Attard expressed his gratitude to the Government of Malaysia for its very generous donation to IMLI’s fellowship programme and assured the Committee and the Honourable Minister that this donation will be an important investment in the capacity-building of developing States.

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