



IMLI CLASS ATTENDED THE SYMPOSIUM ON “PURSUING COMMON GOALS: PERSPECTIVES ON MALTA’S FOREIGN POLICY”

On 3 December 2019, the IMLI Class of 2019-2020 attended the Symposium on “*Pursuing Common Goals: Perspectives on Malta’s Foreign Policy*”, hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of Malta. The Symposium was held at Dolmen Hotel, St. Paul’s Bay. The opening address was delivered by The Honourable Mr. Carmelo Abela, Malta’s Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion.



Ambassador Carmelo Inguanez (Former Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York and Ambassador-designate of Malta to France), Ambassador Alan Deidun (Malta’s Ocean Ambassador), Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and Professor Carmen Sammut (Pro-Rector and Associate Professor, International Relations, University of Malta)

The distinguished speakers deliberated on the topic “*Seeking multilateral solutions to global challenges.*” This was followed by panel discussions under the rubrics of “*Women, peace, and security*” and “*Malta and Multilateralism*”.

Professor Attard was one of the panelists in the session which discussed “*Malta and Multilateralism*”. During his contributions, Professor Attard stated that Malta has a very small diplomatic body but its impact achieves far more than this size. Having said this, he took the opportunity to congratulate Minister Abela for the successful re-election of Malta in 2nd place with 145 votes, in Category C of the IMO Council during the 31st session of the IMO Assembly, which recently took place at IMO Headquarters in London. He stated that this is remarkable and worthy of note as this is the first time Malta had been elected with such an overwhelming majority to Council.

The Seminar was concluded with a summary of the discussions presented by Dr. Norbert Bugeja, Senior Lecturer in Postcolonial Studies at the Mediterranean Institute, University of Malta.

The IMLI students expressed their appreciation at the opportunity to attend the Seminar which they found topical and enlightening.

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