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## MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT VISITS IMLI

The Honourable Mr. Carmelo Abela (Minister for Sustainable Development within the Office of the Prime Minister) visited the IMO International Maritime Law Institute on 7 February 2020 and addressed the IMLI Class of 2019-2020.

In introducing Minister Abela to the Class, Professor David Attard thanked him for visiting, once again, the Institute to meet the students who hail from all over the world and for the constant support the Honourable Minister has personally extended to the Institute for many a year in his outstanding career.



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*Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) welcoming The Honourable Minister Carmelo Abela (Minister for Sustainable Development within the Office of Prime Minister)*

For his part, Minister Abela acknowledged the leading role of IMLI in the area of international maritime law and expressed his pleasure in meeting the students of this year. He informed the students that the Maltese Government's policy has placed sustainable development in a central role towards its objectives, and this is the reason why sustainable development was moved at a Ministry within the Office of the Prime Minister. He explained that Malta has always had a strong interest in protecting the oceans and has promoted international legislation for their sustainable governance. Minister Abela also referred to the interest generated by many countries on the blue economy which shall ensure a sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved living and employment while safeguarding the fragile marine ecosystems. In his view, sustainable development calls for governments to work together to preserve the oceans for our future generations.



*Professor David Attard, The Honourable Minister Carmelo Abela and IMLI Class of 2019-2020*

Minister Abela concluded his speech by stating that later on this year, the students will be invited to his office where they will have the opportunity to discuss further the Sustainable Development Goals and the role of the Maltese Government, together with other countries, in the efforts towards achieving the said goals.

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