



## **RIKKYO UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL LAW PROFESSOR LECTURES AT IMLI**

Professor Atsuko Kanehara, Professor of International Public Law at the Law Faculty of Rikkyo University (Japan), recently visited IMLI and delivered two lectures entitled “The Outer Limit of Continental Shelf: Article 76 of the UNCLOS and its Evolution”.



*Prof. Atsuko Kanehara at IMLI, March 2008*

In an interview held during her visit to IMLI, Prof. Kanehara explained that the highlights of her lectures may be itemized as follows:

1. the legal nature of the outer continental shelf;
2. the legal nature of the coastal state's rights;
3. issues relating to establishing outer limits of continental shelf, and
4. issues relating to outer continental shelf regime focusing upon the revenue sharing scheme under Article 82 of the UNCLOS.

Commenting the latest international law developments regarding continental shelf, Professor Kanehara noted that in May next year there is a deadline for the coastal states to submit information on the limits of continental shelf beyond 200 NM to the Commission on the Limits

of Continental Shelf. It will be interesting to find out how coastal states delineate their continental shelf. The duty to submit the information arises from the UNCLOS, but the convention does not contain any provisions determining the consequences of not submitting such information. Professor Kanehara said she did not think that the right of coastal states concerning delineation of their continental shelf would be affected greatly if they did not submit the information until May 2009.

Finally, Professor Kanehara expressed her impressions of the current generation of IMLI students by noting that the students are very serious, that some seem very interested on the subject and they ask quite a few interesting and relevant questions.

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