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## THE NIPPON FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES TWO NEW TEACHING POSTS AT IMLI

Mr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman, The Nippon Foundation) and Professor Attard (Director, IMLI) signed a new cooperation Agreement which provides for the establishment at IMLI of The Nippon Foundation Chair on Marine Environmental Law and The Nippon Foundation Lectureship on International Maritime Security Law.

The Nippon Foundation Chair on Marine Environmental Law will aim to promote improved domestic legal framework for the prevention of ship source marine pollution, the adoption of international regulations relating to preparedness, response and cooperation in cases of marine pollution, and improved regulation of liability and compensation matters arising of marine pollution cases.

On the other hand, The Nippon Foundation Lectureship on International Maritime Security Law will aim to promote improved legal framework for the enhancement of maritime security both on ships and ports; cooperation between States to put an end to the ongoing piracy and armed robbery in many parts of the world specifically on the Straits of Malacca and off the coast of Somalia; and the adoption of international regulations relating to maritime security with emphasis on the recent events on the Gulf of Aden and off the coast of Somalia.

This extension in the cooperation between The Nippon Foundation and IMLI aims to contribute to the promotion, adoption, effective implementation and enforcement of international maritime conventions in the protection of the marine environment and the enhancement of international rules on maritime security law.

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