



**MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS HOSTS THE LAUNCHING OF THE
SECOND VOLUME OF ESSAYS IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR DAVID JOSEPH
ATTARD**

The Honourable Dr. Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici (Minister for Justice and Home Affairs) hosted a ceremony to officially launch to the public the second volume of Essays in Honour of Professor David Joseph Attard entitled “Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law” published by Routledge in London and New York. The ceremony which took place at the Auberge D’Aragon on 1 May 2010 at 6.30 p.m. was attended by many personalities, including diplomatic representatives, professors of law, representatives of the maritime and shipping industry, IMLI graduates, students, friends and colleagues.



*Professor David Attard and H.E. Mr. Efthimos E. Mitropoulos (IMO Secretary-General),
The Honourable Dr. Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici (Minister for Justice and Home Affairs) and Dr. Patricia Mallia
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The Honourable Dr. Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici in his address said:

“In the space of two weeks I had the privilege of being present at launches of two very interesting books which do honour to our country. These make us respect the ability of these Maltese people who not only have studied law but who are also giving their contribution to the world. Maritime law is for us of utmost importance as it helps us learn what needs to be done in order to work better and have more respect on our seas. All this is happening due to the process which had started years ago by the then IMO Secretary-General Mr. C.P. Srivastava, Minister Joe Fenech and Professor David Attard. They were the promoters of the academic Institute which is situated on University Campus.

This Institute has for the last several years taken care of rearing students in all areas of international maritime law. Several lawyers from different countries spent time here studying and trying to take back with them specialization in this subject. Thanks to this Institute, the country has taken back the tradition which the Knights of St. John have left us. [...] Today this inheritance, this tradition, is returned to us as we have the Institute where its teaching is enhancing this sector and is indirectly influencing all that is happening, and will happen in the

coming years. Fortunately for this country, Professor Attard managed not only to build this place but also to keep the high standard.”

For further information on the book please refer to the attached promotional flyer.

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