



THE NIPPON FOUNDATION ESTABLISHES PROFESSORSHIP ON MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Six years after the establishment of the “Human Resources Development Project for the Advancement of a More Effective Global Legal Order for the Oceans”, The Nippon Foundation’s contributions to IMLI continue to bear fruit. In the light of the success of the Human Resources Development Project, The Nippon Foundation wishes to extend its contributions to IMLI beyond funding students following the Institute’s programmes to the establishment of a Professorship on Marine Environmental Law within the Institute’s Faculty.

Recent times have seen a growing international concern for the protection of the marine environment and the effect of this concern on the shipping industry is evident. Indeed, the international community is observing closely, now more than ever, the States’ environmental policies, thus placing enormous pressure on potential polluters, users of energy and prominent contributors to climate change and global warming to improve their commercial practices.

Although the original mandate of the IMO was mainly concerned with maritime safety, the Organization has achieved a remarkable success in creating the necessary international legal framework to address environmental concerns.

Marine environmental law concerns matters of prevention of marine pollution, preparedness, response and cooperation in cases of marine pollution, as well as, matters of liability and compensation to victims of a marine pollution incident.

In the light of these surrounding circumstances, The Nippon Foundation Professorship on Marine Environmental Law established at IMLI aims at the promotion of improved domestic legal framework for the prevention of ship source marine pollution; the promotion of the adoption of international regulations relating to preparedness, response and cooperation in cases of marine pollution; and the promotion of improved regulation of liability and compensation matters arising of marine pollution cases.

The Nippon Foundation Professorship on Marine Environmental Law will attain its objectives through the development of a detailed course on international marine environmental law at IMLI; the promotion of research in international marine environmental law; and the incorporation of international conventions on all areas of international marine environmental law into domestic laws through maritime legislation drafts prepared at IMLI.

The deadline for submission of applications for The Nippon Foundation Professorship on Marine Environmental Law is 9 August 2010.

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