



**PRIME MINISTER OF MALTA PRESENTED WITH THE ESSAYS IN HONOUR OF
PROFESSOR DAVID ATTARD**

The Honourable Dr. Lawrence Gonzi (Prime Minister of Malta) was presented on 12 January with the two Volumes of Essays written in honour of Professor David Attard: “Serving the Rule of International Law” and “Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law”. The event took place at the Ambassador’s Hall in the Castille Place in the presence of the Honourable Prime Minister, Professor David Attard (IMLI Director), Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha (Former Minister of Transport of Slovenia), Dr. Norman Martinez (IMLI Lecturer and Editor of the two Volumes), IMLI Faculty and students, and distinguished guests.

Dr. Martinez explained that the books were written by colleagues, friends and former students of Professor Attard to commemorate the 20th anniversary of his academic life, a life dedicated to the service of the rule of international law. He recalled that the IMO Secretary-General noted in his foreword to the books that “Professor Attard is a man of vision, blessed with the gift of being able to recognize, in their infancy, issues that are destined to assume massive proportions”. Before the presentation of the books to the Prime Minister, Dr. Martinez invited Professor Pavliha to address the audience.



H.E. Dr. Lawrence Gonzi (Prime Minister of Malta) with Professor David Attard (IMLI Director), Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha (Former Minister of Transport of Slovenia), Dr. Norman Martinez (IMLI Lecturer and Editor of the books), IMLI Academic Faculty and students

Professor Dr. Marko Pavliha said that “The two impressive books we are presenting to you today bear the titles which disclose the very mission of IMLI, ably lead by its director Professor David Attard: *Serving the Rule of International Law* and *Serving the Rule of International Maritime Law*. The postgraduate students who come to this unique educational jewel learn everything about maritime law and law of the sea, especially the importance of uniformity, certainty and justice of the law”.

Dr. Martinez then presented the books to the Prime Minister who expressed his pleasure at celebrating Professor Attard and IMLI. Prime Minister Gonzi stated that Professor Attard is one of the most successful academics and lawyers in the domain of international law who has always put forward his academic profession and established high standards in his career, a person who has maximized the potentials of Malta. Professor Attard has indeed been given the highest recognition by his country.

Prime Minister Gonzi addressed the students by saying that he would like to salute IMLI, a story of success, which arms different governments with high qualified professionals. He stated that he interpreted their visit as a positive message which shows that everyone can make a difference when applying the rule of international law.

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