



JAPANESE MINISTER VISITS IMLI

On 19 January 2012 Mr. Yuzo Ota (Minister, Embassy of Japan to Italy) paid an official visit to the Institute where he had the opportunity to meet with the students of the Class of 2011/2012. This is the second time that Minister Ota visits the Institute. Minister Ota was accompanied by Mr. Hubert C. Mifsud K.M. (Honorary Consul-General of Japan).

The distinguished guests were welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI). Professor Attard stated that IMLI and Japan enjoy strong links especially through The Nippon Foundation which every year enables the funding of ten students to study at IMLI. He further said that the Institute is proud of the trust given by the Foundation which extended its support to the work of IMLI by establishing two new teaching positions within the Institute. He also recalled that throughout the years many eminent Japanese scholars and practitioners have visited the Institute and shared their knowledge with the different generations of IMLI lawyers.

Minister Ota then addressed the students and expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the Institute again and having the opportunity to meet them. He stated that Japan, like Malta, is a maritime nation which is actively involved in maritime affairs. In his opinion IMLI is an important Institution that valuably contributes to the development of international maritime law. Minister Ota concluded by wishing the students all the best for their studies at IMLI and their future.



Mr. Yuzo Ota (Minister, Embassy of Japan to Italy), Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI), Mr. Hubert C. Mifsud K.M. (Honorary Consul-General of Japan) and the Nippon Foundation Scholars for the academic year 2011/2012

During his visit, Minister Ota had a separate meeting with the ten Nippon Foundation Scholars for the academic year 2011/2012 who asked him to convey their gratitude to Dr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman of The Nippon Foundation) for his generous funding which enabled them to receive training at the Institute.

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