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## **IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL MEETS WITH IMLI GRADUATES**

The IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Koji Sekimizu visited the Philippines from 7 to 8 February 2012. During his visit Mr. Sekimizu met with Philippine IMLI graduates at the IMO Regional Office in Manila. IMLI graduates present at the meeting were Atty. Virgilio Calag (IMLI Class of 1994, Director of the Legal Office, Maritime Industry Authority), Ambassador Gilberto Asuque (IMLI Class of 2004, Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs), Ms. Josephine Uranza (IMLI Class of 2005, Corporate Secretary and Counsel, A. Magsaysay Group of Companies) and Atty. Donette Dolina (IMLI Class of 2011, Legal Officer, Philippine Coast Guard).



*Mr. Koji Sekimizu (IMO Secretary-General) with Ms. Josephine Uranza and Atty. Donette Dolina (IMLI Graduates)*

Ambassador Asuque stressed the support which IMLI graduates are able to extend to the Philippine government and to the IMO Regional Office because of the training they have received at IMLI and was grateful for the continued support received through scholarships given to deserving government scholars that are made available each year.

The Secretary-General in turn thanked the IMLI graduates for the support extended. During his short address, he made special mention of the bravery displayed by Philippine seafarers who face the scourge of piracy. According to him, this is one of the pressing issues which IMO faces and seeks to address.

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