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## **IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO IMLI WEBSITE VISITORS**

Mr. Koji Sekimizu, (IMO Secretary-General) has addressed the IMLI website visitors in a short message that reads as follows:



*Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization*

To ensure that shipping is as safe, secure, efficient and environment-friendly as it can be requires a truly global regulatory framework. Internationally applied measures adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) provide that framework, but the drafting of IMO Conventions and their subsequent enactment into national law are complex and highly specialized tasks. They require special people, people with the highest possible level of relevant expertise and a deep knowledge of the subject matter.

Education holds the key. Established in 1988, under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization and in conjunction with the Government of Malta, the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) has developed into the world's leading international centre for the training of specialists in maritime law. It provides the maritime world with an invaluable human resource, and contributes generally to the development and dissemination of knowledge and expertise in international maritime law.

IMLI has been particularly influential in helping developing countries play their full part in maritime affairs. Today, IMLI has a global network of maritime lawyers, who can be found serving in key positions in Government and throughout the maritime legal profession.

IMLI has epitomized achievement and accomplishment for many years, the importance of which has been recognized by the UN General Assembly. I have every confidence that the Institute will continue to provide the high-quality, specialist legal training that has become its trademark. I wish its staff and graduates every success, both now and in the future.

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