



FRENCH CHARGÉ D’AFFAIRES VISITS IMLI

Mr. Tudor Alexis (Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of the French Embassy to Malta) paid an official visit to IMLI on 24 January 2012. During his visit Mr. Alexis, who was accompanied by Mr. Dominique Freslon (Counsellor of Cultural Affairs), met with the students of the Class of 2011/2012.

The distinguished guests were welcomed by Professor David Attard who expressed his great pleasure at their visit and briefed them on the Institute and its work. Professor Attard introduced the guests to the 23rd generation of lawyers who are currently attending IMLI’s LL.M. programme. He stated that France is an important maritime nation which has the second largest Exclusive Economic Zone in the world and has always been actively involved in the development of international maritime law. Professor Attard noted that the Institute has, throughout the years, developed strong links with France thanks to the excellent relations it maintains with institutions like the University of Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne and Bureau Veritas, and through eminent supporters of its activities like Dr. Philippe Boisson. Professor Attard said that although France has been represented in the Institute’s LL.M. programme, he hopes that, through the support of the French Embassy, more French lawyers will join IMLI’s graduate body.



Mr. Alexis Tudor (Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the French Embassy to Malta) and Mr. Dominique Freslon (Counsellor of Cultural Affairs) meeting students of the Class of 2011/2012

Mr. Alexis thanked Professor Attard for welcoming him at IMLI and giving him the opportunity to meet such a diverse body of students and learn more about the work of the Institute. He agreed with Professor Attard that France is a maritime nation that depends on the maritime industry. Therefore, especially when considering the role that IMLI plays in the development of maritime law, the French Embassy will always extend its support and will encourage the participation of French lawyers in the Institute's programmes. He concluded by wishing the students all the best in their endeavours.

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