



## **IMO DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION DIVISION DELIVERS THE INAUGURAL LECTURE AT IMLI**

IMLI had the honour to host Mr. Jianxin Zhu (Director of the IMO Technical Co-operation Division) on Monday, 26 September 2011. During his first visit to the Institute, Mr. Zhu lectured on 'Challenges Faced by IMO in the Development and Delivery of Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP)'. Mr. Zhu's lecture was the official inaugural lecture of IMLI's 23<sup>rd</sup> annual LL.M. programme.

In his lecture, Mr. Zhu outlined that the IMO is a small but efficient Inter-governmental Organization and is one of the specialized agencies in the United Nations system. He explained that the Technical Co-operation Committee, which was institutionalized as early as 1984, is required to consider matters within the scope of the Organization concerned with the development, implementation and evaluation of technical co-operation programmes.

Mr. Zhu analyzed in depth the rationale for technical co-operation considering that many countries are in different stages of development and, due to various reasons, they may be unable to fully implement IMO instruments. The mandate of the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme, is to assist such countries in the implementation process, thereby ensuring a uniform and effective implementation of the numerous instruments adopted by the Organization.

Mr. Zhu also stated that, thanks to the strong support by the member governments of IMO and the dedicated team in IMO engaged in helping developing countries build their capacities to implement IMO treaty instruments, the ITCP has contributed to the improved safety of life at sea and to the reduction in marine pollution caused by ships. He added, however, that IMO has the challenge to make the ITCP financially sustainable and more effective.



*Mr. Jianxin Zhu (Director of the IMO Technical Co-operation Division) lecturing at IMLI*

After the inaugural lecture Mr. Zhu presided over the “IMLI Flag Raising Ceremony” during which IMLI participants placed their national flags at the Institute premises.

When asked about his view on IMLI and its work, Mr. Zhu noted that he was very happy to have been invited to address the students of the Class of 2011/2012 and talk to them about IMO and, in particular, the role of the Organization in capacity building. In his opinion it is unique that IMO has set up the Institute that, to date, has trained over 600 lawyers from 122 States. According to him, IMLI graduates are a valuable asset to IMO especially in the role they are playing in the capacity-building process. He hopes that his visit to the Institute opens a new chapter between the IMO and IMLI in the area of capacity building for developing countries.



*Mr. Jianxin Zhu (Director of the IMO Technical Co-operation Division) and Professor David Attard (Director of IMLI) with the Class of 2011/2012*

Mr. Jianxin Zhu is the Director of the Technical Co-operation Division of the International Maritime Organization (IMO). He initially joined IMO in 1995 as the Head of the Asia and Pacific Section of the Technical Co-operation Division.

Prior to working for IMO, Mr. Zhu worked for the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China for twenty years and was a Chinese delegate to IMO meetings for eighteen years from 1977. He was posted as Maritime Attaché to the Chinese Embassy, London, where he served from 1981–1985. After his return to China in 1985, he became the Deputy Director of the International Organizations Division in the Ministry of Transport and was later promoted to the position of Director of that Division, in 1992.

During his twenty years' service to the Chinese Government, Mr. Zhu participated in many negotiations on bilateral maritime agreements. He attended, either as Head or as a Member of Chinese delegations, at many meetings organized by international and regional organizations, including ESCAP, GATT, ILO, INMARSAT, and UNCTAD.

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