



PHILIPPINE MARITIME LAWYER JOINS IMLI FACULTY



Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization, Mr. Efsthimios Mitropoulos, with Ms. Josephine Uranza at IMLI on May 13, 2005

Ms. Josephine Uranza has been recently appointed Junior Assistant Lecturer of the International Maritime Law Institute. She will be taking over the duties of Mr. Mitja Grbec.

She is a member of the Philippine bar and a graduate of IMLI Class 2005. Prior to her appointment as Junior Assistant Lecturer, Ms. Uranza was actively engaged in pursuing legislative and regulatory reform for the Philippine shipping industry.

During the last ten years, she has held the positions of president of the Philippine Liner Shipping Association, legal counsel of the Philippine Inter-island Shipping Association and corporate counsel of the Domestic Shipowners Association. After completing her Master of Laws at IMLI, she was appointed professorial lecturer at the Colleges of Law of the Lyceum of the Philippines and the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. She was also a lecturer in the Graduate School of the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy.

Mr. Mitja Grbec will be returning to the Republic of Slovenia to continue his career as a maritime lawyer in his home country. At the end of his two-year term, Mr. Grbec stated his impression as follows: *“I feel extremely lucky to have had the opportunity first to study and then to lecture at the Institute. Studying at IMLI is not only a learning experience, where you have the possibility to liaison with personalities from the maritime field and diplomacy, but also an amazing cross – cultural journey which opens you a new dimension about the world we are living in. Lecturing at IMLI is even more intriguing as it allows you to exchange and test your views with at least 30 senior lawyers from more than 20 different States. I indeed feel that IMLI lecturers, students and graduates should be proud to form part of such an amazing network serving the rule of international maritime law and I would like to thank the Institute for this invaluable experience.”*

Dr. Ivan Vella, who has been a full time faculty member of IMLI up to Academic Year 2005-2006, will be devoting more time to his career as a private practitioner in Malta. He will still be lecturing at the Institute on a regular basis as a visiting lecturer starting this academic year.

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