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## CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO MALTA VISITS IMLI

Members of IMLI Class 2006-2007 had the pleasure of meeting China's Ambassador to Malta, His Excellency, Mr. Liu Zhengxiu at a reception tendered in his honor.



His Excellency, Mr. Liu Zhengxiu, China's Ambassador to Malta with Professor David Attard and IMLI Class 2006-2007

In remarks delivered, Professor Attard stated that the Institute has always enjoyed a very fruitful relationship with the Embassy of China in Malta and with the Ambassador who has been instrumental in encouraging Chinese legal professionals to attend the Master of Laws Programme of the Institute. He recognized that China has a significant merchant marine fleet and it is fast becoming a major player in global maritime trade. China's interest in training its legal practitioners in the field of maritime law is a natural consequence of this growth. Professor

Attard pointed out that IMLI has had several Chinese students who have enrolled in the course and all of them have done well.

In his response, Ambassador Liu acknowledged the friendly relationship that the Chinese Embassy currently enjoys with IMLI, a relationship which he intends to pursue during his tenure as Ambassador. He acknowledged that to date six Chinese nationals have come to IMLI, including Mr. Qian Hai who is presently taking the course. He expressed his satisfaction in the performance of the Chinese students and acknowledged that there was still a need to pursue training for Chinese legal professionals if China is to succeed in becoming a responsible player in global maritime trade.

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