



PRIME MINISTER OF MALTA VISITS IMLI

The Class of 2006-2007 had the privilege of meeting the Honorable Lawrence Gonzi, Prime Minister of Malta.



The Honorable Lawrence Gonzi, Prime Minister of Malta, with Dr. Philippe Boisson, member of the IMLI Governing Board, Professor Lee Sik Chai, Chairman of the IMO Legal Committee, and Professor David Attard, with the Class of 2006-2007

Prime Minister Gonzi was given a briefing on the work of the Institute and its principal purpose of training lawyers from developing countries in international maritime law. The Institute was established through a Statute promulgated by the International Maritime

Organization (IMO) and an agreement between the IMO and the Government of Malta, which agreed to provide premises on the University of Malta Campus.

The Prime Minister noted that in a relatively short period of time, IMLI has become a successful Institution promoting training in international maritime law to which Malta has contributed over the years.

During the reception tendered in his honor, the Prime Minister stated that: *“My Government is pleased to note that three hundred and sixty-one lawyers from over one hundred States have come to Malta to train at IMLI. This expertise in international maritime law is vital in effectively promoting the IMO goals of cleaner and safer oceans. The infrastructure facilities, provided by Malta, have contributed to ensuring that IMLI was able to develop into a center of excellence with a global reputation for providing the finest training in international maritime law. The Maltese Government's contribution is a reflection of its continued commitment to the work of IMO. Malta's support for the promotion of the rule of international maritime law dates back to the 1967 proposals at the United Nations General Assembly which culminated in the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention.”*

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