



### **WEBINAR ON “COVID-19 AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING”**

The Director of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI), Professor David Attard, would like to bring to the attention of our readers that, Secretary-General Emeritus of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Mr. Koji Sekimizu, has accepted the invitation of the Singapore National University and its Centre for International Law to join in the Webinar on “*Covid-19 and International Shipping*” on Wednesday, 3 June. The Webinar could be observed through the following link:

> <https://cil.nus.edu.sg/event/e-conference-series-on-covid-19-transportation-shipping/>

This session discusses the impact of COVID-19 on international shipping and the global supply chain. It will examine the challenges faced by IMO, the UN specialized agency responsible for the regulation of international shipping, in addressing COVID-19. It will also discuss the respective roles of the IMO, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) in establishing and enforcing international regulations on the safety of maritime navigation and on the rights and health of seafarers.

It will also discuss the challenges faced by governments, major port States, flag States and international maritime hubs like Singapore to keep commercial shipping operating to maintain the global supply chain in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and look into a possible “new normal” for ports and shipping.

Lastly, it will examine the shipping community’s response and the role of industry associations like the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) in spearheading practical solutions to the problems raised by COVID-19 to international shipping.

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