As the academic year comes to an end, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to IMLI. The programme exceeded my expectations! I had the opportunity to learn from spectacular lecturers and visiting professors who not only enriched me in maritime law knowledge and human values but also fed my passion for maritime law. They encouraged and supported me when necessary, so as to focus on the path of excellence. This reflects the high quality of the program. Likewise, I am convinced that this beautiful experience would not have been the same if it were not in Malta. This beautiful island makes it an ideal setting for another experience.

IMLI allowed me to be a part of a great group of colleagues with the same vision and dreams. Today, they, along with my dear lecturers, are my guardians but my family. A family that is prepared to face the challenges life has in store for us. A family that is capable to overcome crises and help each other to reach goals. During the COVID-19 crisis, IMLI gave us an unconditional support to protect our health and help us to achieve our objective of completing our training. We are forever grateful to IMLI for this.

My professors thanks to Professor Atta for his invaluable willingness to share his extensive knowledge and leadership. I am not the same person who started the journey, but something better. Someone who will take the IMLI legacy with pride wherever he goes.

Coming to IMLI was our first foreign study experience and the knowledge we gained in maritime law was exceptional, especially since many reports from all over the world came to deliver lectures to us. The knowledge we have gained at IMLI is very important and beneficial to our future work at the Maritime Administration in our country. The Director of the Institute, Professor David Attard, our dearest lecturers, IMLI staff members and everyone else with whom we had the opportunity to interact. We promise to share our knowledge to the next generation and with other people.

We are proud to note that our bunch is different from other bunches of previous years because of COVID-19 pandemics. The year after the outbreak of the virus, the Institute delivered lectures to us through online platforms to ensure our safety and continued academic progress. This will be for us an unforgettable memory.

We want to welcome to our next generation of IMLI students with this saying; "Let's fly together to our dream with IMLI". We expect from you that you will continue your academic progress. This will be for us an unforgettable memory.

Mr. José Manuel Pacheco Gazzello
(Puerto Rico)

IMLI GRADUATE, DR. FILIPON MANOLOY, APPOINTED AS THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT

...just like hope springing high, Still I rise… But like air, I rise

IMLI GRADUATE, HONOURABLE SIMON KOFI, APPOINTED MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF TUVALU

IMLI GRADUATE, MS. REGINA DERRICKYTE-KAUPINĖ, ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE KLAIPĖDA INDUSTRIALISTS ASSOCIATION

IMLI GRADUATE, MS. SANDRA OPUKI, BECOMES THE FIRST FEMALE DIRECTOR OF TEMA PORT IN GHANA

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. Konstanty Malinowski, appointed to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Maritime Law of the University of Gdańsk. Each year a scholarship is awarded to a student of the Department of Maritime Law of the University of Gdańsk who during the year has obtained the highest marks in his study.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. Maximilian Szypczyński, appointed as a Director of the Polish Maritime University in Gdynia (Gdansk). In his capacity as a Director, he is responsible for the School of Maritime Law.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. M. Safi Khan, appointed as the Commissioner of the Bangladesh Maritime Authority.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. HANUMAN DURBAR, APPOINTED AS THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER AT THE INSTITUTE OF MARITIME LAW, UNIVERSITY OF MALTA.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. MUHAMMAD ASIF AHMED, APPOINTED AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DHAULAGIRI UNIVERSITY IN NEPAL.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. Janusz Zajaczkowski, appointed as a member of the Committee for the Protection of the Environment of the Ministry of Transport of Poland.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. Sujit Kishor, appointed as the National Transport Council of India.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. Mihir Swamy, appointed as the Director of the Centre for Financial Markets and Regulation.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. L. Sudheer Reddy, appointed as the Director of the Centre for Maritime Studies.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. HANS VAN DER SCHUUR, APPOINTED AS THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER AT THE INSTITUTE OF MARITIME LAW, UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. ASHOK KUMAR, APPOINTED AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARITIME UNIVERSITY OF MALTA.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. Nitin Vaidya, appointed as the Director of the Centre for Maritime Law and Practice.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. PRAMOD KUMAR, APPOINTED AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE INDIA INSTITUTE OF MARITIME LAW.

IMLI GRADUATE, MR. RAVI KUMAR, APPOINTED AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY.

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IMLI GRADUATE, MR. PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY.

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Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) delivered a lecture to the IMLI Class of 2019-2020 Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support, International Maritime Organization (IMO) on “Voluntary Member State Audit Scheme (VMSA)” and the chronological development of IMSAS.

Mr. Barchue started his lecture by providing a brief historical background of the IMO and its main goals, which are to ensure safety, security and full environmental protection of the ocean environment through the establishment and implementation of international maritime law. He then addressed the role of IMO Member States, shipping industry, administrations, and recognized organizations, being the main actors in the shipping industry, in ensuring compliance with international maritime standards. He also mentioned the IMO Instruments Implementation Code (IIC) which serves as the audit standard under the IMSAS.

Mr. Barchue emphasized that the ultimate effectiveness of any IMO instrument depends upon the Member States acting in their capacity as port, flag and coastal State, as it has a direct responsibility to have in place an adequate and effective system to exercise control over ships, and to ensure that they comply with relevant international regulations and resolutions in respect of safety, security and protection of the marine environment.

In this regard, Mr. Barchue encouraged the IMO Member States, upon their graduation, to assist their respective countries in meeting their responsibilities and discharging their obligations under the conventions, and other instruments to which they are party, in particular with respect to the enactment of relevant domestic laws and regulations.

At the end of his lecture, Mr. Barchue placed the IMO flag on the map to symbolize the representation of São Tomé and Príncipe and for the first time in an IMLI programme, the participation of Ms. Josefina da Conceição Bandeira (student from São Tomé and Príncipe) who has made possible thanks to the generous funds of the IMO.”

The Resolution reaffirms the “commitment made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially Goal 5 ‘Gender Equality’, which aims to achieve gender equality and empower women and girls.”

The Resolution also reiterates with IMO’s strategic framework and its “central role in enhancing progress towards gender equality and women’s empowerment.”

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