

PROFESSOR DAVID ATTARD ADDRESSES IMSO'S 26TH ASSEMBLY

Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) addressed the 26th Session of the Assembly of the International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO) on 16 December 2020. The event, which is taking place remotely, commenced on 16 December and is set to conclude today, 22 December.



Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) welcoming Captain Moin Ahmed (Director-General, IMSO) to IMLI

Professor Attard commenced his address by congratulating the Captain Moin Ahmed (Director-General, IMSO) and his colleagues for their relentless efforts to implement their Organisation's mission, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Professor Attard noted that, under the Director-General's guidance, IMSO has continued to carry out its functions effectively, ensuring the resilience of public safety satellite communication services which are so important

for rendering assistance at sea, as well as the tracking of ships worldwide on which the safety of the maritime community and seafarers rely.

Professor Attard stated that IMLI is honoured by the interest and support IMSO has shown in its work. He noted the important landmark that has been achieved through the relations between the two institutions, which has provided a unique opportunity for IMLI students, who are future maritime leaders, to understand the important contribution of IMSO.



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Professor Attard affirmed that IMLI was established under the auspices of IMO to provide quality training in the field of international maritime law. He restated the Institute's mission, which is to enhance capacity-building in all States, particularly developing States, to contribute to the fulfilment of the IMO objectives thereby promoting safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation. Professor Attard reported that, in carrying out its mission, the Institute promotes a comprehensive framework for ocean governance where sound safety and security policies and legislation, including the IMSO regimes, are part and parcel of the efforts of the international community towards sustainable and safer shipping for a sustainable planet.

Professor Attard registered his pleasure and pride that the Director-General has recognized the important contribution of IMLI and its graduates to the development of maritime legal expertise which ensures that Governments have the human resources to adopt and enforce legal prescriptions designed to protect the safety and security of life at sea. He concluded his address by congratulating IMSO for its continuous work and stated that he looks forward to consolidating further the relationship between IMSO and IMLI in ensuring the protection of the men and women who continuously expose their precious lives and belongings to the whims of the indomitable sea.

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