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## **PRESIDENT OF MALTA VISITS IMLI**

His Excellency Dr. George Vella (President of the Republic of Malta) visited the Institute today, 24 November 2020, where he delivered a lecture to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021. The President was met by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and the staff.



*His Excellency Dr. George Vella (President of the Republic of Malta) and Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) during today's visit*

The welcoming address was delivered by Mr. Kitack Lim (IMO Secretary-General, and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board), who stated that the visit of President Vella is a demonstration of the high esteem which Malta holds for IMLI and its mission in capacity-building, especially in developing nations in all aspects of international maritime law.



*Mr. Kitack Lim (IMO Secretary-General, and Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board) delivering the welcoming address*

Professor Attard thanked President Vella for making time, despite his busy schedule, to come to the Institute and deliver a lecture to the students. He noted that prior to becoming President of the Republic, His Excellency had served for several years as Foreign Minister of Malta, which position had helped prepare him for his current mantle.

He affirmed how much he admires the President for his vast knowledge and experience in international affairs. Professor Attard congratulated President Vella for the excellent job he is doing, despite the difficult challenges his Presidency is facing due to the global health situation.



*His Excellency Dr. George Vella delivering his lecture to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021*

His Excellency the President delivered an enlightening lecture to the students, covering current global challenges and suggested pathways to their eradication and or control. His lecture was very well received by the audience.

The full speech of President Vella will be published in another edition of the IMLI e-News.

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