THE REGIONAL MARITIME ADVISER OF THE CARIBBEAN TECHNICAL CORPORATION DIVISION OF IMO LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Collin Young (Regional Maritime Adviser, Caribbean Technical Corporation Division of IMO) delivered a lecture on 8 January 2021 under the rubric “The Role of the IMO Regional Coordinator (Caribbean)” to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021.

Mr. Young’s lecture encapsulated the rationale, mandate, vision and strategy and funding of the Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP). He referred the students to the words of Mr. Koji Sekimizu, Secretary-General Emeritus of the IMO, which states that “The adoption of an IMO convention cannot be the end process. A conference is held, the text is agreed, there are handshakes all round. But its not the end process. It should be just the end of the beginning. Because an IMO convention is only worthwhile and meaningful if it is effectively and
“universally implemented.” He noted that these words, in his opinion, adequately captures the work of the ITCP.

During his lecture, Mr. Young also discussed in great detail the IMO Regional Presence Scheme and gave an overview of the Caribbean region. He also gave an insightful discourse on the Sustainable Maritime Transport (SMART) Programme.

Mr. Young joined the IMO in February 2009 in the role of Regional Maritime Adviser, Caribbean, responsible for facilitating IMO's input into national and regional development policies and providing active field-level participation in the development, execution and coordination of the delivery of IMO's Integrated Technical Cooperation Programme (ITCP).
Prior to joining the IMO, Mr. Young accumulated over 25 years experience in port management at the Port of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, holding various positions in Finance, Human Resources, Strategic Planning and Cargo Handling Operations, the last being Port Operations Manager.

He played leading roles in the establishment of the Port of Port of Spain’s Customer Service Facility for the delivery of unstuffed cargo and implementation its Terminal Operating System for productivity improvement and real time container tracking.

Industry specific activities included lecturing at the University of Trinidad and Tobago in its MSc. Maritime Management Programme and holding the position of Vice-Chairman Group B (Ports) of the Shipping Association of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Young holds an MSc. in Maritime Affairs from the World Maritime University, Sweden, specializing in Port Management and from the University of the West Indies, Trinidad, a BSc. Management Studies and a Certificate in Public Administration.

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