

## HEAD OF ASIA AND PACIFIC SECTION, IMO TECHNICAL COOPERATION DIVISION LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Bekir Sıtkı Ustaoglu (Head of Asia and Pacific Section, IMO Technical Cooperation Division -TCD) addressed on 21 January 2021 the students of the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 on “*IMO's Capacity Building efforts: The Example of Asia and Pacific Section.*”



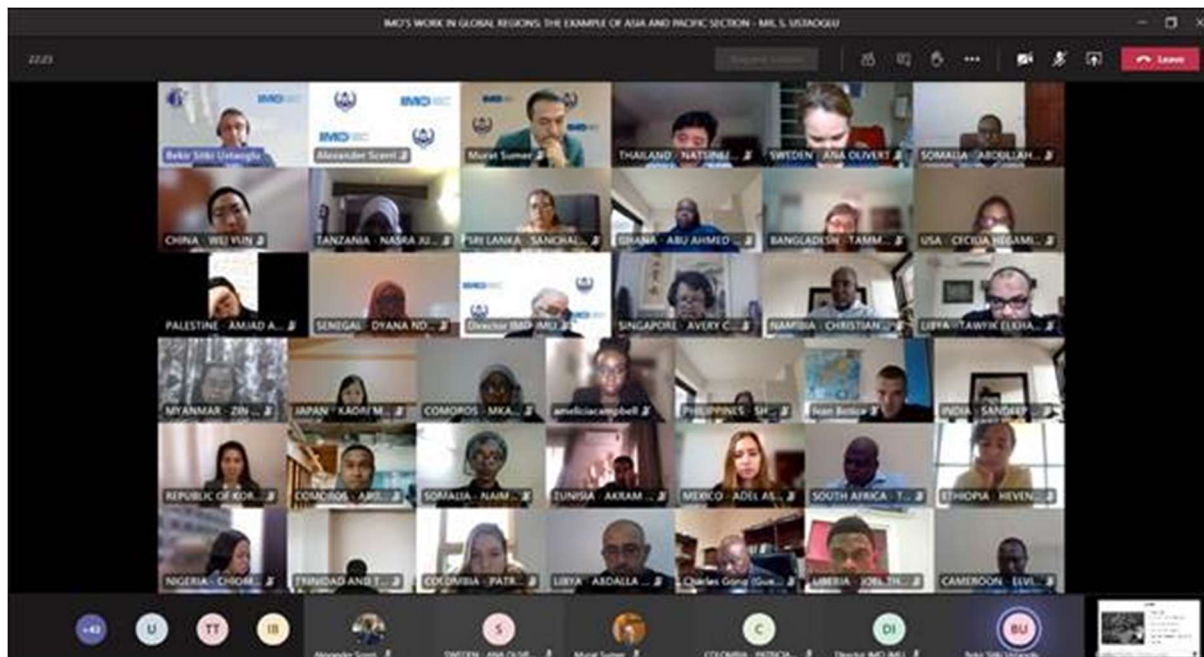
*Mr. Bekir Sıtkı Ustaoglu (Head, Asia and Pacific Section,  
IMO Technical Cooperation Division)*

Mr. Ustaoglu commenced his lecture by explaining the output of the work of the Organization, stating that it is a comprehensive body of rules in the form of conventions, codes, and guidelines, covering nearly every aspect of ships and shipping.

Mr. Ustaoglu also highlighted some areas of focus in the current Technical Cooperation work in Asia and Pacific region, including technical advisory services, the IMO Member State Audit Scheme, needs assessment missions, facilitation and maritime single window, measures relating to energy efficiency of ships, support to global training institutions, national maritime transport policy, and maritime legislative drafting, among others.

Mr. Ustaoglu also informed the IMLI students that there was a new department focusing on resource mobilization and partnerships which works very closely with TCD.

In concluding his lecture, Mr. Ustaoglu stated that he cannot express enough how valuable the work of IMLI is to IMO's mission. He informed participants of how priceless the IMLI alumni have been to the industry, making particular reference to the contributions and offices held by Atty. Josephine Uranza (Class of 2005), who is the Regional Coordinator for IMO's Regional Presence for Technical Cooperation in East Asia, from the Philippines and Ms. Mavis Joseph-Logavatu (Class of 2015), who is the IMO Technical Cooperation Officer, Oceans and Maritime Programme, Geoscience, Energy and Maritime Division in Fiji.



He thanked Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) for the exemplary work being done at IMLI and encouraged the Institute to keep producing high value and commendable recruits, especially in the area of maritime legislation drafting. He told the students that they are all potential IMO recruits for their regions.

Mr. Ustaoglu has held several positions prior to his current one, including Alternate Permanent Representative of Turkey to IMO, Deputy Undersecretary, Undersecretariat for Maritime Affairs, Turkey, and Assistant Professor, Maritime Faculty, Istanbul Technical University and Active Seafarer (Management/Officer Level) on various types of merchant ships. Mr. Ustaoglu has a Ph.D. in Maritime Policy and MSc Engineering (Safety of Navigation) from the Istanbul University, Istanbul University, BSc Nautical Sciences, Istanbul Technical University. He has several Professional Licenses (CoC) and memberships including Unlimited Master Mariner (Turkey/Malta/Panama), GMDSS General Operator (Turkey/UK), VTS Operator/Instructor (Turkey/Netherlands), Fellow Nautical Institute, London, Member Royal Institute of Navigation, London and Member Turkish Ocean-going Shipmasters' Association, in Istanbul.

As Head of Asia and Pacific Section, Mr. Ustaoglu is responsible for the development, execution and the management of technical assistance projects/programmes for the benefit of the IMO Member States in the Asia and Pacific region.

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