

**IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL EMERITUS TO INAUGURATE
THE IMLI COURSE ON THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT
AND OCEAN GOVERNANCE**

IMO Secretary-General Emeritus, Mr. Koji Sekimizu will deliver the inaugural address at the Course on the Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance which will be on 15 February 2021. Mr. Sekimizu's will address the participants on "*The Promotion of Study on Maritime Governance by UN and IMO*".



Mr. Koji Sekimizu (Secretary-General Emeritus, IMO)

Giving his vast experience and prominence in the field, Mr. Sekimizu, at the request of the IMLI e-News editor, acquiesced to a brief interview prior to his address, which has been reproduced below.

Mr. Sekimizu, can you briefly tell us what you are/have been doing since your retirement?

Since my retirement from IMO, I have been spending a quiet life in a province of Fukuoka Prefecture of Japan, called Okawa City, with my wife, taking care of our traditional Japanese house and gardens and enjoying the country-side living in Japan. I have some engagements with Kobe University in Japan, Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) Academy and the Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) in Singapore and I am promoting academic studies on Maritime Governance and public awareness of Maritime Heritages.

You have set up a Ph.D. Scholarship Programme. Will you please give us more detailed information about this programme?

Some of my presentation slides would give you a rough idea of how I raised the Fellowship program. I think that what I call the “Maritime Governance” has never been a subject of serious academic study. I spoke about the importance and the need of serious research and study on “Maritime Governance” at Kobe University and events organized by MPA Academy in Singapore. President of WMU was really helping me in the process of establishing the Fellowship program. Currently, two prominent PhD students are studying this subject under the WMU Fellowship Program at Malmo campus in Sweden.

Mr. Sekimizu could you briefly outline the theme of your inaugural address?

The theme of my speech will be on my promotion of the study of Maritime Governance. I hope that the IMLI students will be interested in the study on Maritime Governance and carry out meaningful studies in this field in future.

Thank you very much for your time Mr. Sekimizu and we look forward to seeing you shortly at the inauguration session of the Course.

The IMLI Course on the Protection of the Marine Environment and Ocean Governance will focus on the protection of the marine environment within the integrated global governance of various maritime activities. The Course thus expands further the Institute's mission in enhancing capacity-building for a sustainable use of the oceans, in line with all SDGs, particularly SDG 14.

For more information, please see the attached document. Those wishing to participate shall contact Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja at admissions@imli.org for the relevant application form. The deadline for registration in the Course is set on 11 February 2021.

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