

SENIOR TECHNICAL OFFICER AT IMO LECTURES AT IMLI

Mr. Gangcan Rao (Senior Technical Officer, IMO) delivered a lecture on 16 February 2021 to the IMLI Class of 2020-2021 entitled '*Recognition, Authorization and Monitoring of ROs*'. Mr. Rao was welcomed by Professor Norman Martinez (Professor, IMLI).



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Mr. Rao commenced his lecture by defining the terms Recognized Organizations (ROs) and Classification Societies with a brief introduction of the formation, functions, and activities of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS). He then explained the important role the Classification Societies/ROs play in providing the statutory certification services in the terms of effective implementation of the IMO instruments, and discussed regulatory framework on the ROs in IMO legislation, such as SOLAS, Load Lines, MARPOL Conventions, and the III and RO Codes. Mr. Rao addressed minimum requirements for recognition of the ROs, including fundamental requirements, such as independence, impartiality, integrity and competence, and quality management systems certified by the Accredited Certification Bodies (ACBs).

He further discussed the elements that a flag Administration needs to consider in the process of recognizing and authorizing an RO on its behalf and delegation of its authority to an RO,

and how to develop a formal written agreement between the Administration and an RO. In his final topic, he introduced and explained how the flag Administration establishes/participates and manages an oversight programme with adequate resources for monitoring of, and communication with, its ROs in order to ensure that international obligations are fully met.



Mr. Rao has been a Senior Technical Official of the IMO since 2006. He works in the Department for Member State Audit and Implementation Support. He has been engaged in the work to support Member States in the implementation of IMO instruments, in particular, in the areas of survey and certification, recognized organizations, marine casualty investigation, port State control, as well as the development and maintenance of the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS). Before joining IMO, Mr. Rao had worked for the China Classification Society. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Wuhan University of Technology, studying Naval Architecture.

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