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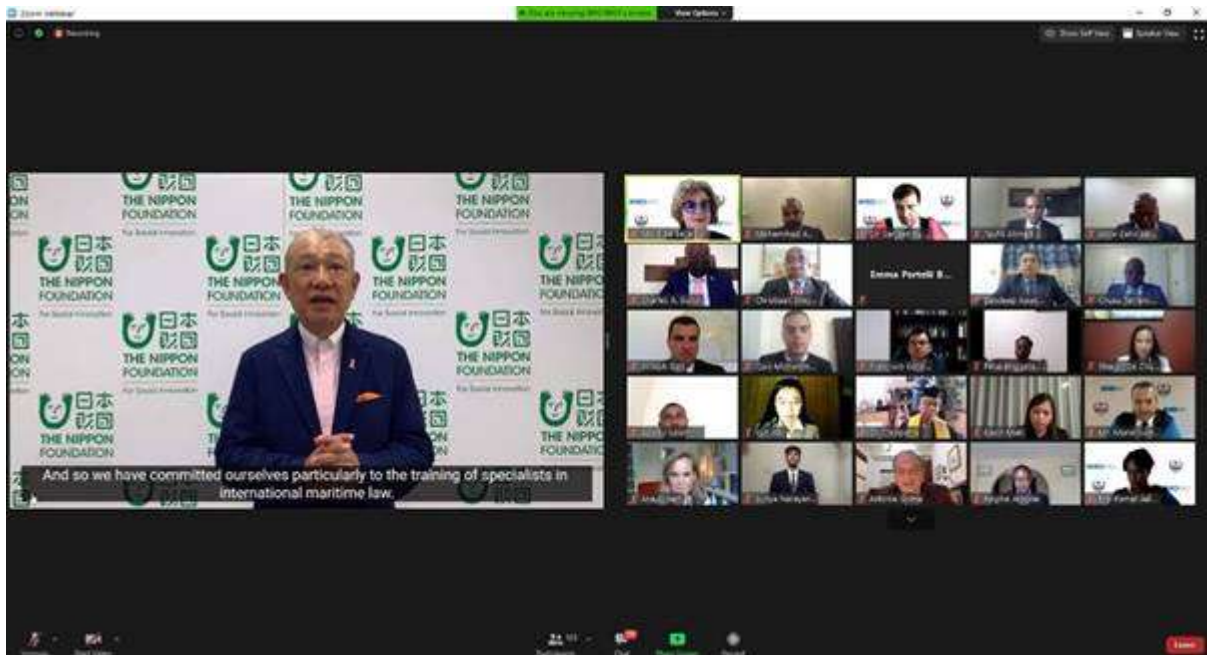
CHAIRMAN OF THE NIPPON FOUNDATION DELIVERS A MESSAGE DURING THE INSTITUTE'S 32ND GRADUATION CEREMONY

Dr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman, The Nippon Foundation) delivered a message to the eminent attendees and graduands on the occasion of the Institute's 32nd Annual Graduation Ceremony held on Friday, 3 September 2021.



Dr. Yohei Sasakawa (Chairman, The Nippon Foundation) delivering a message during the Institute's 32nd Annual Graduation Ceremony

Dr. Sasakawa expressed his joy at joining the Institute to celebrate a class of students who will contribute to the realization of a new legal order of the oceans. He also recorded his deep gratitude to Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and the Faculty Members, who have nurtured a wonderfully talented group.



In his message, Dr. Sasakawa stated that without the ocean, humanity cannot prosper. He noted that for over 50 years, The Nippon Foundation has been addressing issues facing the ocean environment which is so crucial to the survival of humanity. He stated that, at the Foundation, they understand that the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans requires the development and observation of the common basis of international law. Therefore, The Nippon Foundation has committed itself to the training of specialists in international maritime law. Thus far, he stated, the Foundation has contributed to the training of 1,500 ocean professionals from 150 countries, noting that the Foundation has most probably built the world's largest network of ocean research institutes and scientists.

To the graduands, Dr. Sasakawa said *“I believe that all of you will apply your knowledge and experience gained at IMLI to the systematic management of our oceans.”*

He concluded his message by stating that:

“The ocean is our mother, but today, she is silently crying out. It is my strongest hope that we at The Nippon Foundation will continue to work with all of you to protect her, so that she would remain in good health for generations to come.”



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