



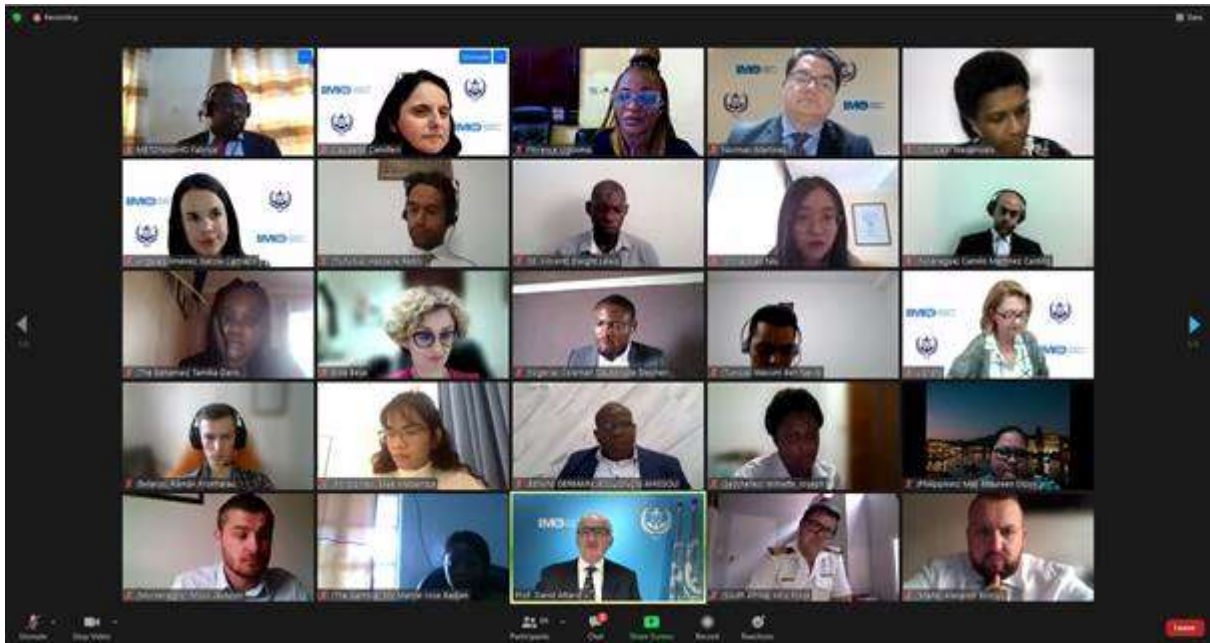
IMLI COMMENCES ITS 33RD ACADEMIC YEAR

The IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) welcomed its 33rd generation students for the academic year 2021-2022 today, 18 October 2021. The students were welcomed by Professor David Attard (Director, IMLI) and Mr. Xiaojie Zhang (Director, Technical Cooperation Division). The Inaugural Lecture was delivered by Mr. Frederick Kenney (Director, IMO Legal Affairs and External Relations Division).



Professor David Attard addressing the students of the Class of 2021-2022

When addressing the new students, Professor Attard (Director, IMLI) said that it was an honour and privilege to welcome such a diverse class full of talented personalities to IMLI's 33rd academic year. He informed the students that IMLI was set up to train maritime experts, especially from developing countries, on the whole spectrum of international maritime law and how to incorporate and effectively implement IMO treaties and guidelines into domestic legislation. Professor Attard noted that that he was confident that, in working together, will make this academic year a very successful and rewarding one.



Mr. Xiaojie Zhang was welcomed and introduced by Professor Attard to deliver the welcome message on behalf of the IMO. Mr. Zhang welcomed the students to IMLI, which he described as a prestigious maritime institute with great importance to the international community. He informed the students that trust has been bestowed on them that, upon completion of their studies, they will contribute to their respective countries through their expertise to the development of international maritime law. He concluded by wishing them every success in their new endeavour.



Mr. Xiaojie Zhang (Director, Technical Cooperation Division) delivering the Welcoming Message to the students of the Class of 2021-2022

IMLI was established by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) in 1988 for the purpose of training government officials and practitioners in the incorporation and effective implementation of IMO treaties, codes and guidelines. Over three decades, the Institute has exceeded the expectations of its founders and continues to serve the rule of international maritime law through education and training.



Mr. Frederick J. Kenney Jr. (Director, IMO Legal and External Affairs) delivering the Inaugural Lecture to the IMLI Class of 2021-2022

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