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IMLI GRADUATE NOMINATED FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

IMLI notes with great pride that one of its Graduates, namely Mr. Simon Kofe from Tuvalu, was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.



Mr. Simon Kofe being awarded the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree in International Maritime Law at IMLI's 25th Graduation Ceremony

Mr. Kofe who is currently the Minister for Justice, Communication and Foreign Affairs of Tuvalu expressed great surprise at this nomination made by Norwegian Politician Guri Melby, for his work in highlighting climate change issues. This nomination came after the speech that Minister Kofe delivered at COP 26 Summit on the impacts of climate change whilst in knee-deep sea water to emphasise the rising sea levels which had gone viral.



Professor Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) reached out to Minister Kofe to extend his congratulations on such a prestigious nomination. Minister Kofe, in a message he shared with the IMLI Director said:

“I was extremely fortunate to have received a Lloyd’s Register scholarship to study at IMLI in 2013. It was my first time to attend a tertiary institution outside of the Pacific, and so I was excited about the opportunity to experience a completely new environment. I must say that the experience did not disappoint. The lecturers are some of the best academic minds in the world in the field of Maritime Law and it was a great honour to have learnt from them.

The students in my class represented over 30 different nations from every region of the world and it was truly a joy to meet them and learn about their cultures. We may have started our IMLI journey as strangers but at the end we had become a very close-knit community of friends.

To this day, as IMLI alumni, we see the immense benefit of being part of a truly global network of professionals. The course was challenging but the experience was rewarding and fulfilling. IMLI has played a significant part in my professional development and progression in my career and I am forever grateful for the experience.

*-- Minister for Justice, Communication and Foreign Affairs
Government of Tuvalu*

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*Minister Kofe delivering his speech
for COP26 Summit*



*Raising of the Tuvaluan flag at the Annual Flag Raising
Ceremony held at IMLI during Academic 2014*

Professor Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director IMLI) and all IMLI Staff would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Minister Kofe on this nomination and commend him for his efforts in combating climate change.