Mr. Xiaojie Zhang (Director, IMO Technical Cooperation Division) delivered an online lecture entitled "Role and Achievements of IMO’s Technical Cooperation Division" to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023 on 7 November, 2022. Director Zhang was introduced to the Class by Professor Norman Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who expressed his pleasure at having him once again address the IMLI students and deliver such an important lecture.
Professor Martínez informed the students that Director Zhang has been very instrumental in the development of IMLI and in ensuring that some of them receive training at IMLI for this academic year. Professor Martínez further informed the students of the extreme importance of the IMO Technical Cooperation Division headed by Mr. Zhang to international maritime community.

Director Zhang thanked Professor Martínez for welcoming him and registered his regret for not being physically present to deliver his lecture. He however expressed his great pleasure to be meeting the students, albeit online. He also expressed his hope to see the new lecture hall be completed and ready for use in the near future.

Mr. Zhang's lecture was received very well by the students who interacted with him on various aspects of the work of the IMO Technical Cooperation Division.
The third dedicated IMLI Course on the Law of Treaties commenced on 7 November 2022. Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivered the introductory address and subsequently introduced Dr. David Nanopoulos (Chief of the Treaty Section, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs) who delivered online the Inaugural Lecture to the Course Participants and IMLI Class of 2022-2023. His lecture was entitled "Treaty Law and Practice: The UN Treaty Section’s Contribution to the International Treaty Framework".

In welcoming Dr. Nanopoulos, Professor Martínez told him that the Institute was privileged that he agreed once again to inaugurate the IMLI Course on the Law of Treaties. He also informed the participants that Dr. Nanopoulos has tremendous experience in the law of treaties and extensive experience in international courts and tribunals.
Dr. Nanopoulos thanked the Director and stated that it was an honour for him to be inaugurating the IMLI Course on the Law of Treaties. He expressed his appreciation that IMLI, as an academic institution, has opened its doors to professionals whose main focus is the law of the sea and maritime law. He highlighted his pleasure at the Institute's initiative in training professionals in the law of treaties through this specialized course, an area of study whose importance cannot be overemphasized.

Professor Tanya Sammut-Bonnici (Pro-Rector for Strategic Planning and Enterprise, University of Malta and Joint Editor Wiley Encyclopedia of Strategic Management), visited the Institute on Tuesday 8 November and delivered a set of lectures entitled "Evolution of Cooperation" to the IMLI Class of 2022-2023. Professor Sammut-Bonnici was introduced to the Class by Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI).
On 8 and 9 November, Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer, IMLI) and Dr. Ángeles Jiménez García-Carriazo (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI) delivered a set of lectures on Maritimes Zones at the International Ocean Institute (IOI). These lectures were part of the Training Programme on Regional Ocean Governance for the Mediterranean, Black, Baltic and Caspian Seas which is held in Malta from 7 November to 7 December 2022.
SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF THE IMLI DIRECTOR

Professor Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) celebrating his first birthday as IMLI Director with his wife and family, Professor David Attard (Former Director, IMLI), Staff and Students of the Institute

The IMLI family wishes Professor Martínez all the best as he starts another milestone in his life.

Happy Birthday Prof!!!