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## **DIRECTOR OF THE IMO LEGAL AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIVISION OFFICIALLY INAUGURATES IMLI'S 36TH ACADEMIC YEAR**

The Institute had the distinct pleasure of welcoming on 17 October 2024, Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) to officially inaugurate the academic year 2024-2025. Dr. Lost-Sieminska was met by the IMLI Faculty and Staff and was introduced to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025 by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI).



*Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) with Members of the Class of 2024-2025*

In a short address to the Class before delivering the Inaugural Lecture, Director Lost-Sieminska expressed her pleasure at meeting the Class and inaugurating the 2024-2025 academic year. She also conveyed her wish that the students would enjoy their stay in Malta and IMLI, recalling her time of study at the Institute. She informed the students that the training she received at IMLI has been very beneficial to her career growth and she registered her hope that this would be the same for them. She encouraged the members of the IMLI Class to make friends, build networks and study hard.

Director Lost-Sieminska then proceeded to ring the ceremonial bell, signifying the official opening of IMLI's 36th academic year, and deliver the Inaugural Lecture.

Director Lost-Sieminska concluded her lecture by stating that she looks forward to meeting many of the students again at IMO, as part of their countries' delegations to IMO meetings.



*Director Lost-Sieminska rang the ceremonial bell signifying the official opening of IMLI's 36th Academic Year.*



*Dr. Dorota Lost-Sieminska (Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Division, IMO) delivering the Inaugural Lecture of IMLI's 36th Academic Year*

## ANNUAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Following the Inaugural Lecture, Dr. Lost-Sieminska presided over the Flag Raising Ceremony which is held at the Institute at the beginning of every academic year. The Institute notes with pleasure that the flags of the 39 countries represented at IMLI during this year are:

Azerbaijan, the Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Comoros, Curaçao, Ethiopia, Fiji, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Liberia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama, the Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Vanuatu. The flags of these countries will adorn the Institute's premises throughout this academic year.



*Flags displayed in the IMLI Foyer*

