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A DELEGATION FROM THE SASAKAWA PEACE FOUNDATION VISITS IMLI

On 25 September 2024, a delegation headed by Mr. Eisuke Kudo (Vice-Admiral, The Japan Coast Guard [Retired]; Research Fellow, Kobe University, Japan; The Sasakawa Peace Foundation), accompanied by Ms. Reiko Naito (Senior Specialist, Ocean Policy Research Institute, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation) and Ms. Emi Shimada (Manager, Ocean Vision and Action Division, Ocean Policy Research Institute, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation) visited IMLI. The delegation was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Members of the IMLI Faculty and Staff. A meeting ensued wherein possible future cooperation was discussed.



Mr. Eisuke Kudo (Vice-Admiral, The Japan Coast Guard [Retired]; Research Fellow, Kobe University, Japan; The Sasakawa Peace Foundation), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Ms. Reiko Naito (Senior Specialist, Ocean Policy Research Institute, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation) and Ms. Emi Shimada (Manager, Ocean Vision and Action Division, Ocean Policy Research Institute, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation)

IMLI SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FAO

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and Ms. Donata Rugarabamu (Director, FAO Legal Counsel) signed on Monday 16 September 2024 a Memorandum of Understanding between the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in a ceremony held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.

The ceremony was also attended by Dr. Matthew Camilleri (Senior Fisheries Officer; Leader, Global and Regional Processes (Fisheries); Technical Secretary, Agreement on Port State Measures, FAO) and Dr. Buba Bojang (Legal Officer, Development Law Service, FAO Legal Office) who, together with Mr. Blaise Kuemlangan (Chief, Development Law Service, FAO Legal Office), who was not present at the ceremony, were instrumental in cementing this cooperation.

During his visit, Professor Martínez Gutiérrez also had a meeting with Dr. Camilleri and other FAO Officials to discuss the delivery of this year's International Course on Fisheries Law at IMLI.



*Ms. Donata Rugarabamu
(Director, FAO Legal Counsel) and
Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez
Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)*



*(L-R) Dr. Buba Bojang (Legal
Officer, Development Law
Service, FAO Legal Office), Ms.
Donata Rugarabamu (Director,
FAO Legal Counsel), Professor
Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez
(Director, IMLI), and Dr. Matthew
Camilleri (Senior Fisheries
Officer; Leader, Global and
Regional Processes (Fisheries);
Technical Secretary, Agreement
on Port State Measures, FAO)*

H.E. THE AMBASSADOR OF EGYPT VISITS IMLI

H.E. Mr. Khaled Anis (Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Malta) and Ms. Banan Elsalamony (Deputy Head of Mission) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 18 September 2024.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) warmly welcomed the Ambassador and Ms. Elsalamony. This was followed by a meeting wherein possible future cooperation was discussed.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and H.E. Mr. Khaled Anis (Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Malta)

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FIATA VISITS IMLI

On 1 October 2024, Dr. Stéphane Graber (Director General, FIATA International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute. Dr. Graber was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who discussed with Dr. Graber the possibility of future cooperation between both institutions.



Dr. Stéphane Graber (Director General, FIATA International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

IMLI SENIOR LECTURER DELIVERS AN ONLINE PRESENTATION AT THE 47TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON OCEANS LAW AND POLICY IN LIMA

Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI) delivered an online presentation during the 47th Annual Conference on Oceans Law and Policy held in Lima, Peru between 17 and 20 September 2024. This year's Conference theme was *“Ocean Governance in South Pacific and Latin America”*. Ms. Kazara-Belja's presentation was entitled *“The Voluntary Guidelines on Transshipment: A Tool for Sustainable Fisheries”*.



*Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja
(Senior Lecturer/Head of
Administration, IMLI) delivering
her online presentation*



IMLI SENIOR LECTURER PARTICIPATES IN A WORKSHOP ORGANIZED BY FAO IN ROME

Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer / Head of Administration) participated in the *Expert Workshop on Developing Guidelines for Inspection and Valuation of Small-scale Fishing Vessels* held at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United (FAO) Headquarters, in Rome, between 24 and 26 September 2024.

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss the draft Guidelines for seaworthiness and safety inspection of small-scale fishing vessels and draft Guidelines for value assessment of small-scale fishing vessels.

**INTERNATIONAL MARITIME AND
TRANSPORT LAW COURSE**

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INTER-UNIVERSITY CENTRE, DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

16 – 21 September 2024

**IMLI DIRECTOR AND
THE NIPPON FOUNDATION
LECTURER IN INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME LAW LECTURE
AT THE INTERNATIONAL
MARITIME AND TRANSPORT
LAW COURSE HELD
IN DUBROVNIK**

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) was yet again invited to deliver a Master Class entitled “*Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims – 100 Years On*” at the International Maritime and Transport Law Course which was held at the Inter-University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia on 19 September 2024.

The Director expressed his delight to once again deliver a lecture at such a prestigious event.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) delivering his Master Class



On the same day, Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) delivered a presentation entitled “*Maritime Security Challenges in the Red Sea: Analysis of the Navigational Rights under the Law of the Sea Regime*”.

Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) delivering his presentation



THE NIPPON FOUNDATION LECTURER ON INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY LAW DELIVERS A PRESENTATION AT UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI) delivered on 18 September 2024, a presentation entitled “*International Maritime Law*” to the LL.M. students of the Faculty of Law of University of Delhi in India.



Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI) together with the students of the Faculty of Law of University of Delhi, India

THE NIPPON FOUNDATION LECTURER ON GLOBAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE ATTENDS IMO'S MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE SESSION



Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI) attended the 82nd Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) that was held at the IMO headquarters in London between the 30 September and the 4 October 2024.

FORMER HEAD OF ASIA AND PACIFIC SECTION AT IMO VISITS IMLI

Mr. Bekir Sitki Ustaoglu (Consultant; Former Head, Asia and Pacific Section, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, IMO) paid a courtesy visit to IMLI on 1 October 2024. Mr. Ustaoglu was welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI).



Mr. Bekir Sitki Ustaoglu (Consultant; Former Head, Asia and Pacific Section, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, IMO) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

WORLD MARITIME DAY 2024 CELEBRATIONS



Happy World Maritime Day

As IMLI embarks on a new voyage for the academic year 2024-2025, allow me to reiterate the Institute's commitment to the goals of the International Maritime Organization for safer seas and to proudly serve the rule of international maritime law.

Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez
(Director, IMLI)

WORLD MARITIME DAY

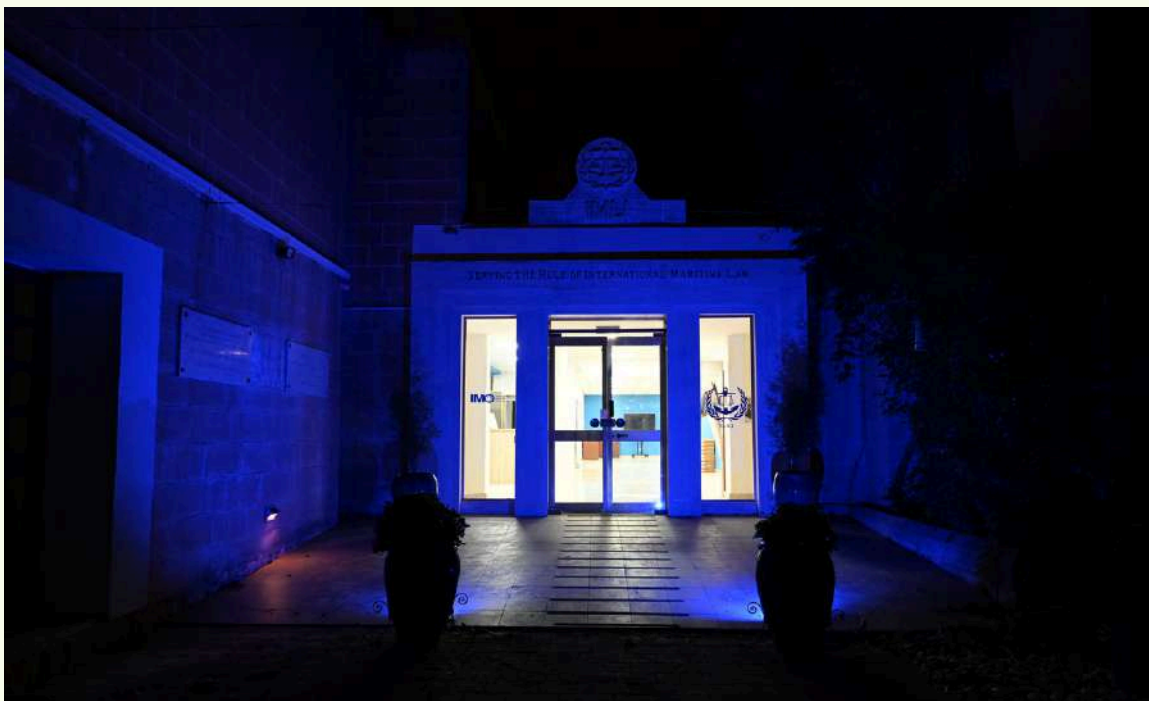
*Navigating the
Future;
Safety First!*



#IMLI #IMO #LifeBelowWater
#ServingtheRuleofInternationalMaritimeLaw
#TrainingTheMaritimeLeadersofTomorrow

IMLI joined the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the international maritime community in celebrating World Maritime Day 2024 on 26 September 2024.

"*Navigating the future: Safety first!*" was the theme selected as this year's World Maritime Day Theme. To further promote this important international event the Institute's facade was lit up in maritime blue.



The Institute's facade lit up in maritime blue for World Maritime Day 2024

IMLI DIRECTOR ATTENDED THE WORLD MARITIME DAY 2024 CELEBRATIONS HELD AT IMO

On 26 September 2024, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) celebrated World Maritime Day 2024 at its Headquarters in London. Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) attended the celebrations and during his visit had the pleasure of meeting various distinguished personalities, including Mr. Arsenio Antonio Domínguez Velasco (Secretary-General, IMO), Mr. Jose Matheickal (Director, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division, IMO), Ambassador Dwight Gardiner (Chair, IMO Technical Cooperation Committee; Director/Registrar-General, Antigua & Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping, the Maritime Administration of Antigua & Barbuda; Permanent Representative of Antigua & Barbuda to the IMO), Ms. Katie Higginbottom (Head, ITF Seafarer's Trust), Mr. Laurent Parenté (Director General, International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)) and Mr. Louis Mbanefo (Principal, Louis Mbanefo & Co.; Member of the IMLI Governing Board).



Director Martínez Gutiérrez with

1. *Mr. Arsenio Antonio Domínguez Velasco (Secretary-General, IMO)*
2. *Mr. Jose Matheickal (Director, Technical Cooperation and Implementation Division (TCID), IMO)*
3. *Ambassador Dwight Gardiner (Chair, IMO Technical Cooperation Committee; Director/Registrar-General, Antigua & Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS), the Maritime Administration of Antigua & Barbuda; Permanent Representative of Antigua & Barbuda to the IMO)*
4. *Ms. Katie Higginbottom (Head, ITF Seafarer's Trust)*
5. *Mr. Lloyd Fiakasi (IMLI Student of Class of 2024-2025), Mr. Laurent Parenté (Director General, International Mobile Satellite Organization (IMSO)) and Mr. Juvenal Shiundu (former Director, Technical Cooperation Division, IMO)*
6. *Mr. Louis Mbanefo (Principal, Louis Mbanefo & Co.; Member of the IMLI Governing Board)*

During his trip, Director Martínez Gutiérrez also met with a number of IMLI Graduates that were present at the celebrations held at IMO as well as members of their respective delegations.



Director Martínez Gutiérrez with

1. *Ms. Evangelia Pouli (Greece, Class of 2016), Ms. Mialisoa Rakouth (Madagascar, Class of 2016) and Lieutenant Patricia Peñaranda (Mexico, Class of 2021)*
2. *Ms. Rose Hernandez (Marshal Islands, Class of 2022) and Ms. Daffodil Maxwell (Trinidad & Tobago, Class of 2016)*
3. *Mr. Ronald Siphon Mbatha (South Africa, Class of 2008)*
4. *Mr. Kenroy Kamanie Simmons (Antigua & Barbuda, Class of 2011)*