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IMLI'S WORK RECOGNIZED FOR THE SEVENTEENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The United Nations General Assembly, during its seventy ninth session, adopted on 3 December 2024 Resolution A/RES/78/69 entitled "*Oceans and the Law of the Sea*". The General Assembly, through this Resolution, recognized for the seventeenth consecutive year the contribution of the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in capacity-building.



Paragraph 32 of the document states:

[...] Recognizes the importance of the work of the Malta-based International Maritime Law Institute of the International Maritime Organization, as a centre of education and training of specialists in maritime law, including government legal advisers and other high-level officials, mainly from developing States, confirms its effective capacity-building role in the field of international maritime law, shipping law and marine environmental law, and urges States, intergovernmental organizations and financial institutions to make voluntary financial contributions to the budget of the Institute which runs annually;

The IMLI Director and Staff are proud of this continued recognition of the Institute's work to enhance capacity-building in the full spectrum of international maritime law.



ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT THE INTERNATIONAL LAW DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY OF MALTA LECTURES AT IMLI

On 7 January 2025, IMLI had the distinct pleasure of welcoming once again Professor Omar Grech (Associate Professor, Department of International Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta). Professor Grech was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and members of the IMLI Staff. He was then introduced to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025. Upon his introduction, Professor Grech proceeded to deliver a set of lectures entitled *“Introduction to International Human Rights Law”* and *“Human Rights at Sea”*.



Professor Omar Grech (Associate Professor, Department of International Law, Faculty of Laws, University of Malta) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2024-2025



Professor Grech meeting the IMLI Class of 2024-2025



Professor Grech delivering his lectures

HIGH COMMISSIONER OF AUSTRALIA TO MALTA VISITS IMLI

H.E. Matt Skelly (High Commissioner of Australia to Malta with accreditation to Tunisia) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute on 7 January 2025. High Commissioner Skelly was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) who introduced him to members of the IMLI Staff and the IMLI Class of 2024-2025.

During his visit, High Commissioner Skelly and Director Martínez Gutiérrez also held a meeting with the students who hail from the Pacific Region.

IMLI records with pride that, for the year 2024-2025, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) sponsored the studies of the students hailing from Fiji and Vanuatu.



H.E. Matt Skelly (High Commissioner of Australia to Malta with accreditation to Tunisia) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2024-2025



H.E. Matt Skelly (High Commissioner of Australia to Malta with accreditation to Tunisia) with Ms. Yabaki Vosadrau (Fiji), Ms. Jenny Namu (Solomon Islands), and Mr. Lloyd Fikiasi (Vanuatu)

EMINENT PROFESSOR OF LAW DELIVERS THE INAUGURAL LECTURE TO THE IMLI MODULES ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

On 8 January 2025, IMLI had the distinct pleasure of welcoming again Professor Yoshifumi Tanaka (Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark; Member, Centre for Private Governance (CEPRI)).

Professor Tanaka was warmly welcomed and introduced to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025 by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI).

Professor Tanaka then proceeded to deliver online the *Inaugural Lecture* to the *Law of the Sea Modules* to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025.



Professor Yoshifumi Tanaka (Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark; Member, Centre for Private Governance (CEPRI))



Professor Yoshifumi Tanaka (Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark; Member, Centre for Private Governance (CEPRI)) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

LAWYER AND SPECIALIST IN COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATE LAW LECTURES AT IMLI

On 9 January 2025, IMLI had the distinct pleasure of welcoming again Dr. Axel Henriksen (Lawyer, Specialist in Commercial and Corporate Law). Dr. Henriksen was met by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and members of the IMLI Staff. He was then introduced to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025.

Following his introduction, Dr. Henriksen proceeded to deliver a set of lectures entitled “*Ship Building Contracts: A Practical Perspective*”.



Dr. Axel Henriksen (Lawyer, Specialist in Commercial and Corporate Law) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with the IMLI Class of 2024-2025



Dr. Henriksen meeting the members of the IMLI Class of 2024-2025



Dr. Henriksen signing the distinguished IMLI Visitors Book