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HEAD OF OFFICE AND PROGRAMME COORDINATOR OF THE UNODC PROGRAMME OFFICE IN MALTA LECTURES AT IMLI

On 4 March 2026, Mr. Shanaka Jayasekara (Head of Office, Programme Coordinator (UN Maritime Sanctions), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [UNODC] Programme Office in Malta) visited IMLI to address the IMLI Class of 2025-2026.



Mr. Shanaka Jayasekara (Head of Office, Programme Coordinator (UN Maritime Sanctions), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [UNODC] Programme Office in Malta) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), together with the IMLI Class of 2025-2026

Mr. Jayasekara was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), the IMLI Staff and the students of the IMLI Class of 2025-2026. He then proceeded to deliver his lecture entitled “AIS Data as Evidence and Integrity on Chain of Custody”.



Mr. Shanaka Jayasekara (Head of Office, Programme Coordinator (UN Maritime Sanctions), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime [UNODC] Programme Office in Malta) together with the students hailing from the Philippines who are currently pursuing studies in the IMLI Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme in International Maritime Law

IMLI DIRECTOR ATTENDS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION

On 10 March 2026, Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) had the distinct pleasure of participating in a high-level commemorative event organised by Mr. Gilbert F. Hougbo (Director-General, International Labour Organization [ILO]), in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), held at the ILO headquarters in Geneva.



Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (Secretary-General, IMO), Mr. Gilbert F. Hougbo (Director-General, ILO), and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

Amongst the eminent speakers was Mr. Arsenio Domínguez (IMO Secretary-General; Chairman of the IMLI Governing Board), who participated in the discussion entitled “*Delivering Impact on Seafarers’ Rights: The MLC 20 years on*”.

On this occasion, Professor Martínez Gutiérrez also engaged with Ms. Beatriz Vacotto (Head of the Maritime Unit, International Labour Standards Department, ILO), to discuss further the enhanced collaboration between IMLI and ILO for the effective implementation of the Convention.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez with Mr. Gilbert F. Hounbo and with Ms. Beatriz Vacotto

IMLI STAFF MEMBERS VISIT THE MALTESE PARLIAMENT



On 10 March, members of the IMLI staff had the opportunity to visit the Maltese Parliament situated in Malta’s capital city, Valletta.

During this visit, the members of staff were given a tour of the Parliament’s edifice, where they were informed of the composition, workings and history of the Maltese Parliament.



IMLI would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to the Parliament’s personnel for their most gracious assistance in facilitating this visit for the staff.

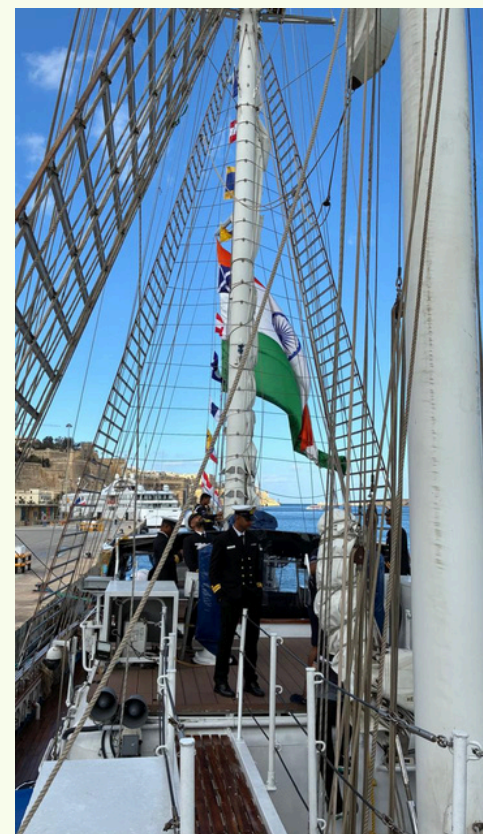
IMLI STUDENTS VISIT INDIAN NAVY VESSEL

The IMLI Class of 2025-2026 together with members of the IMLI Faculty had the opportunity to visit the Indian Navy Vessel “INS Sudarshini” which was berthed in Malta.



The IMLI Class of 2025-2026 together with the Officers of the “INS Sudarshini”

IMLI extends its sincere appreciation to the Indian High Commission in Malta, the Indian Navy and the Indian Ministry for External Affairs who, together with the crew of the “INS Sudarshini”, facilitated this visit for the IMLI Class.



PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW DONATES A TEXTBOOK TO THE SASAKAWA LIBRARY

On 20 March 2026, Professor Akira Sakota (Professor of International Law, Seinan Gakuin University, Japan) and Professor Yasutoshi Mori (Professor of Philosophy of Law, Seinan Gakuin University, Japan) visited the Institute. During their visit, Professor Sakota donated a copy of the recently published “Textbook on International Environmental Law” to the Sasakawa Library, a work for which he served as one of the editors-in-chief.



Professor Akira Sakota (Professor of International Law, Seinan Gakuin University, Japan) and Ms. Natalia Fuentes (Librarian, IMLI)



From L:R - Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI), Professor Yasutoshi Mori (Professor of Philosophy of Law, Seinan Gakuin University, Japan), Professor Akira Sakota (Professor of International Law, Seinan Gakuin University, Japan), Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI) and Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI)

DELEGATION FROM UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO IN BRAZIL VISITS IMLI

A delegation from University of Sao Paulo (USP) in Brazil, headed by Professor Patricia Iglecias (Chief, Sustainability Office, University of Sao Paulo; Professor, Faculty of Law; Partner, Iglecias Law Firm, President, Law for a Green Planet Institute) visited IMLI on 23 March 2026. Professor Iglecias who was representing Professor Dr. Aluisio Augusto Cotrim Segurado (Magnificent Rector, University of Sao Paulo), was accompanied by Professor Tamara Maria Gomes (Full Professor, Biosystems Engineering, Faculty of Animal Science & Food Engineering, USP; Technical Advisor, Environmental Management Superintendence, USP) and Dr. Rosa Ramos (Lawyer, Sectional Councillor of the São Paulo Bar Association; Chair, Climate Commission; Member, National Climate Change Commission; Federal Council, Brazilian Bar Association).

The delegation was warmly welcomed by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), IMLI Staff and Students. This was followed by a meeting between the delegation and Director Martínez Gutiérrez to discuss possible future cooperation between IMLI and USP.



From L:R - Dr. Rosa Ramos (Lawyer, Sectional Councillor of the São Paulo Bar Association; Chair, Climate Commission; Member, National Climate Change Commission; Federal Council, Brazilian Bar Association), Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Professor Patricia Iglecias (Chief, Sustainability Office, University of Sao Paulo; Professor, Faculty of Law; Partner, Iglecias Law Firm, President, Law for a Green Planet Institute), and Professor Tamara Maria Gomes (Full Professor, Biosystems Engineering, Faculty of Animal Science & Food Engineering, USP; Technical Advisor, Environmental Management Superintendence, USP).

DELEGATION FROM THE MATHIAS CORVINUS COLLEGE IN HUNGARY VISITS IMLI

A delegation of students participating in a leadership course organized by the Mathias Corvinus College in Hungary visited IMLI on 30 March 2026. The students were accompanied by Mr. András Jancsó (Research Fellow, Law and Society Centre of Mathias Corvinus Collegium, Budapest) and Professor Szabolcs Nagypál (Head of the Law and Society Centre).



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) together with Mr. András Jancsó (Research Fellow, Law and Society Centre of Mathias Corvinus Collegium, Budapest), Professor Szabolcs Nagypál (Head of the Law and Society Centre), and the students

They were warmly greeted by Ms. Ramat Jalloh (International Maritime Law Lecturer, IMLI), Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI) and Ms. Nour Nohra (The ITF Seafarers' Trust Research Associate in Seafarers' Rights, IMLI) who gave them a tour of the IMLI premises as well as a brief presentation on IMLI and its global mission. The delegation then proceeded to a meeting with Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI).