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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Throughout the academic year 2024–2025, IMLI had the distinct privilege of welcoming a number of eminent personalities and officials hailing from countries around the globe.

The visit of these distinguished guests bear testament to IMLI's reputation as the Center of Excellence in International Maritime Law and reflect the Institute's global outreach.

A DELEGATION FROM DALIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY VISITS IMLI

A Delegation from Dalian Maritime University (DMU) headed by Professor Zeng Qingcheng (Vice-President, DMU) paid a courtesy visit to IMLI. Professor Zeng was accompanied by Dr. Zhang Dong (Lecturer of Shipping Economics and Management College, DMU) and Ms. Wu Qiong (Coordinator, International Cooperation and Exchange Office, DMU). The Delegation was warmly welcomed by Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI). Following their introduction to the IMLI Class of 2024-2025, the Delegation proceeded to have a guided tour of the Institute's premises. Their visit concluded after a fruitful meeting with Ms. Kazara-Belja.





Professor Zeng Qingcheng (Vice-President, DMU) meeting the students



The Delegation viewing the IMLI Map which illustrates the countries around the globe from where the IMLI Graduates hail



Professor Zeng Qingcheng (Vice-President, DMU), Dr. Zhang Dong (Lecturer of Shipping Economics and Management College, DMU), Ms. Wu Qiong (Coordinator of International Cooperation and Exchange Office, DMU), Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI), and the IMLI Class of 2024-2025

A DELEGATION FROM MARITIME MT VISITS IMLI

A Delegation from MaritimeMT, headed by faculty members Ms. Adriana Quesada-Juarez (Senior Lecturer, MaritimeMT) and Mr. Viacheslav Sopilniak (E-Learning Content Creator, MaritimeMT), visited the Institute. Accompanying MaritimeMT's faculty members, were 27 Cadets.

The Delegation was warmly met and greeted by Dr. Murat Sümer (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Law, IMLI), Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI), Dr. Sanjeet Ruhel (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on International Maritime Security Law, IMLI) and Dr. Rafael Prado (The Nippon Foundation Lecturer on Global Ocean Governance, IMLI)

Upon their arrival, presentations on both IMLI and MaritimeMT were delivered in the auditorium which were followed by a tour of the IMLI premises.



Ms. Adriana Quesada-Juarez (Senior Lecturer, MaritimeMT) together with the 27 Cadets during their visit



Ms. Ramat Jalloh (Lecturer, IMLI) making a presentation entitled "IMLI and its Academic Programmes" to the visiting group

A DELEGATION FROM THE ESTONIAN MARITIME ACADEMY OF TALLINN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY VISITS IMLI

A Delegation from the Estonian Maritime Academy of Tallinn University of Technology paid a courtesy visit to IMLI. The delegation which was composed of Mr. Roomet Leiger (Director, Estonian Maritime Academy), Ms. Kristel Toom (Director of Research, Estonian Maritime Academy) and Dr. Deniece Aiken (Post-doc Researcher, Estonian Maritime Academy) was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and members of the IMLI Staff. A meeting was held to discuss possible future cooperation between the two institutions.



*From L-R:
Ms. Tiina Kiipus (Executive Officer in the Office of the Director, IMLI), Mr. Roomet Leiger (Director, Estonian Maritime Academy), Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI), Dr. Deniece Aiken (Post-doc Researcher, Estonian Maritime Academy), Ms. Kristel Toom (Director of Research, Estonian Maritime Academy) and Ms. Elda Kazara-Belja (Senior Lecturer/Head of Administration, IMLI)*

EMINENT UNODC OFFICIAL VISITS IMLI

Mr. Shanaka Jayasekara (Head of Office, Programme Coordinator [UN Maritime Sanctions] UNODC Programme Office in Malta) paid a courtesy visit to the Institute.

Mr. Jayasekara was warmly greeted by Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI). This was followed by a meeting between Mr. Jayasekara and Director Martínez Gutiérrez, wherein enhanced cooperation between the two organizations was discussed.



Mr. Shanaka Jayasekara (Head of Office, Programme Coordinator [UN Maritime Sanctions] UNODC Programme Office in Malta) signing the IMLI Distinguished Visiting Fellows' Book



Mr. Shanaka Jayasekara (Head of Office, Programme Coordinator [UN Maritime Sanctions] UNODC Programme Office in Malta) and Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI)

IMLI CELEBRATES THE RETIREMENT OF MR. JOE MIFSUD

With heartfelt gratitude, IMLI bids farewell to Mr. Joseph (Joe) Mifsud (Maintenance/Driver, IMLI), whose unwavering dedication throughout his 24 years of service at IMLI has played a significant role in the Institute's success. He was the first person all IMLI students would meet at the airport in Malta and he always made that experience unforgettable for them, regardless of the time of their arrival!

Mr. Mifsud's hard work and reliability contributed greatly to the Institute's daily operations. His commitment and contagious enthusiasm did not go unnoticed and, Joey M. as he is fondly known, will be truly missed by all of us.



Professor Dr. Norman A. Martínez Gutiérrez (Director, IMLI) and all IMLI Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr. Mifsud happiness, good health, and many fulfilling moments in this well-earned new chapter of his life. IMLI will not be the same without its Joey M.