



Gujarat National Law University

Hague Academy of International Law

External Program : 2013

40th Session

(STABILITY AND CHANGE IN THE LAW OF THE SEA)



GNLU in collaboration with the Hague Academy of International Law, the Netherlands, concluded the 2013 Edition of the External Program of the Academy at the GNLU, which began on 1 November and ended on 8 November 2013. **This program is organized first time in South Asia since its inception.** The Hague Academy of International Law (www.hagueacademy.nl), one of the most prestigious international law academy of in the world, since its creation in 1923 with funding received from the Carnegie Foundation in Washington, has occupied premises at the Peace Palace, alongside the highest judicial institutions such as the International Court of Justice and the Bureau of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. It is a centre for research and teaching in public and private international law, with the aim of further scientific and advanced studies of the legal aspects of international relations.

GNLU is proactively pursuing teaching, research and training in the area of Law of the Sea and Maritime Law. In this regard, the 2013 Edition focused on the theme of “Stability and Change in the Law of the Sea and Challenges for the 21st Century” with special focus on the Indian Ocean.

The Program was inaugurated by Dr Bernard Bot, former Foreign Minister of the Netherlands and President of the Administrative Council of the Hague Academy Curatorium and Professor Geneviève Bastid-Burdeau, Member of the Curatorium and former Secretary General of the Hague Academy. Mr. Sanjay Prasad, Principal Secretary, welcomed the international dignitaries on behalf of the Gujarat Government. Dr Bimal N. Patel, Director, GNLU welcomed the dignitaries and participants on behalf of the GNLU.

H. E. Judge Raymond Ranjeva (Madagascar), former Vice-President, International Court of Justice, Prof. Tullio Treves (Italy), Former Judge at International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, Hamburg, Mr. Chinnasamy Jayaraj, Principal State Counsel, Attorney General's Chamber, Seychelles, Prof. M. V. Shiju, TERU University, Prof. Luther Rangreji, South Asian University, Dr K Parameswaran, Dean of Academic Affairs, GNLU, Dr. Sudhakar Maruthadu, Member, Legal and Technical Commission, International Seabed Authority, Prof. V. S. Mani, Director, Seedling School of Law and Governance, Jaipur, Prof. M. Gandhi, Jindal Global Law School, Professor Bimal N Patel, Director GNLU, and Professor Shobhalata Udupudi, were among the eminent resource persons of the program. Speakers delivered lectures on various contemporary and challenging issues in laws of sea in 21st century. Total 28 participants from **India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Maldives, Nepal, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Thailand** participated in this program.

During the training program, Hon'ble Minister Vasuben Trivedi, Minister of State (Education), Government of Gujarat and Ms Sangeeta Singh, Principal Secretary



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(Education) hosted an interaction meeting with the foreign dignitaries and participants and informed them about new initiatives taken by the Government of Gujarat on higher education in the state.





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