

**CPIL organised a special program for the visit of the President of the ICJ, H. E. Mr Hisashi Owada at the Gujarat National Law University.**

**An interactive discussion took place between faculty-members and Students of the GNLU with the President of the ICJ. GNLU considered it as a memorable event in the history of the university. It was a moment great pride, enthusiasm and inspiration when the President of the ICJ graced the university.**

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President of The International Court of Justice (ICJ) Judge Hisashi Owada recently during his visit at the Gujarat National Law University campus at Gandhinagar interacted and apprised eager students of the ICJ's power and functioning. Stating that the ICJ's inherent function is to bring peace, security and prosperity for the international community



and the world at large Judge Owada gave an insight of the developments taking place at the world body as well as at the international level.

Judge Owada during his discussion spoke on the transition taking place in the international legal system, in terms of renewed emphasis as laid down by the ICJ, on various issues before the court that are substantive in nature such as Human Rights and other emerging rights of the Nation-states and individuals of the world community at large. In this he emphasized the paradigm shift in the norms of international legal system and relations where the right of Sovereign states is been discussed in the light of the responsibility of the Sovereign towards its subjects. Discussions were also held with regard to the various facets of the actual implementation and efficacy of international law with the contentious and advisory jurisdictions of the ICJ in line with the applicability of the persuasive and binding values of the judgments delivered by the court.

In response to a question from a student with regard to the prevalent fragmentation in the international adjudicatory system through proliferation of numerous courts and tribunals Judge Owada stated that the said fragmentation is purely an 'academic argument' which is, however,

not detrimental to the international adjudicatory mechanism as often doubted by some scholars. He stressed rather these apparent fragments function in consonance with each other in a harmonious manner in furtherance of the noble initiatives towards evolving and stabilizing international legal order and system. He also mentioned how 90-95% of compliance by Nation-states in the world that adhere with the judgments delivered by the ICJ indicates the effectiveness and the relevance of the ICJ in the international legal system.

Director of GNLU Bimal N. Patel apprised the Judge of his institute's initiative and activities through Center for Public International Law (CPIL). The Director also mentioned about the India-chapter of the Asian Society of International Law (ASIL) which has started functioning at the GNLU campus.

The bright prospects of India being the venue to hold 4th Biennial Conference of the Asian Society of International Law at the GNLU were also discussed between Patel and the ICJ President.