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Ambassador K. Bhagirath, IORA Secretary-General; Vice-Admiral A. K. Chawla, Chief of Personnel Indian Navy and Admiral Robin Dhowan, former Chief of Naval Staff of India to inaugurate the 2017 Edition

GNLU International Maritime Academy 2017 will be held from 15 to 22 April in collaboration with the US Naval War College, USA. Distinguished Guests and Faculty include H. E. Ambassador K. V. Bhagirath, Secretary-General, Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), Mauritius; Vice-Admiral A. K. Chawla, AVSM, VSM, NM, Chief of Personnel Indian Navy; Admiral Robin K. Dhowan, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC, 22nd Chief of Naval Staff of India; Vice-Admiral Anil Chopra, former Commander-in-Chief, East and West Commands; Professor James Kraska, Dr Raul Pedrozo, Capt Brian Wilson, US Naval War College, USA; Professor Xinjun Zhang, Xiamen University, China; Ms Ayaka Iyonaga, Japan; Dr Prabhakarn Paleri, former Director-General Indian Coast Guard; Professor Mary Ann Palma-Robles, Australia; Dr Vijay Sakhuja, Director, National Maritime Foundation, India, among others. H. E. Ambassador Mr K. V. Bhagirath, Secretary-General, Indian Ocean Rim Association, Mauritius will deliver the Chief Guest address on Initiatives on the Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean and the Sustainable Development of the Indian Ocean Rim on 15 April 2017.

Under the major theme of Maritime Industry, Naval Power and Marine Environment, 2017 Edition will focus on issues and challenges concerning law of maritime counter-terrorism operations, maritime industry and maritime security, maritime boundary delimitation in the East China Sea; maritime tourism; South China Sea Dispute Arbitration; marine scientific research; human rights at sea; freedom of navigation; fisheries enforcement and IUU fishing; marine environmental protection and sustainable development; military activities in the EEZ.

GNLU Maritime Academy, an annual law of the sea and maritime academy, brings international and national experts, practitioners, operational officers, policy-makers, lawyers, and students to discuss contemporary topics and contributes to the respective national law of the sea and maritime policy-making.

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