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Dear All,

It was the most fascinating experience in my Maritime Law practice, after finishing my postgraduate studies in Southampton in the same field. The scholarship program was very well organized and focused on the both technical and practical aspects of the Shipping Law. In other words, we had opportunity to gain insight into real life of German Shipping Industry together with the theoretical information about German Maritime Law.

The training period consisted of both in-house lecturers and outdoor activities and -of course- I should mention the socializing activities. In the in-house lecturers, we could have chance to have some general ideas not only on German Maritime law but also on Contract Law, IP Law, Product Liability Law, Court System/Arbitration etc. By the virtue of these lecturers we could have compared our systems with German system and shared our experiences with our German colleagues and the other scholars coming from different jurisdictions.

One of the most interesting parts of the program was the outdoor activities. It was my first time in the beautiful city of Hamburg and my first positive impression about the city was the tour into the Port by the river Elbe, which is somehow similar to Bosphorus of Istanbul. We were provided with the technical and the practical information by Capt. Ahrens about the survey of cocoa beans after being carried in containers from South America to Hamburg. We were almost over the river Elbe when we had a wonderful presentation given by excellent members of Zeller Associates. It was amazing to see how big AON Jauch & Hübener is in the insurance brokers market. Without doubt Swiss Re is the leading player in reinsurance market and I feel myself very lucky to spend a day in this company and could not forget the vine we had. Furthermore, we had opportunity to get information about the very special architectural style of Swiss Re. The weekend with Edo and David was very nice in Munich too. We visited Blohm + Voss Shipyard, in which "M/Y Savarona" of Atatürk was built. We visited Ship Model Basin, after which I have realized that construction of a vessel was not so simple. Of

course I should mention our surprising explores on board the M/V Cosco Germany, a brand new 8200 TEU container vessel. I have never been to such a big vessel before, on which there is a swimming pool, gym, hospital etc.

The most advantageous part of the scholarship program was to meet all our distinguished colleagues in Dabelstein & Passehl as well as the fellow scholars, Edo, Oliver, David and Shashank. I should particularly thank Marco, Olaf and Jan for their continuous efforts to make us taste German social life. Da-Pa made me feel at home during my stay in Hamburg, especially in their office. I am sure that this program was an opportunity for me and other scholars to build our own network accordingly and I am sure we shall keep in touch.

I consider myself very lucky to be the one of the scholars of Da-Pa and proud of being the honorary member of the team in Turkey.

Yours sincerely,

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