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Recommendation Letter

It is a pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Dr Maruf regarding his application for the Future Earth Coasts Fellow. Dr Maruf is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the School of Law, Dalian Maritime University. I am writing this letter on behalf of his supervisor.

Dr Maruf is an impressive young scholar in the early days of what I expect to be a stellar academic career. This year, we have published two articles in some premier international journals – *Sustainability* and the *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law*. We have also submitted jointly-authored articles to *Ocean & Coastal Management*, with Maruf as the first author. I fully expect a positive report in due course about the publication of our articles. Maruf has also published articles in several journals, including *Marine Policy*, and is a prolific conference presenter. Additionally, he is currently serving as a co-editor for the special issue on "Law Enforcement at Sea" in *Marine Policy*.

Dr Maruf is a capable presenter and a scholar who has shown aptitude in conducting meticulous legal research. For his PhD thesis, Maruf left no stone unturned in examining the legal options to solve the significant marine environmental problem he was addressing (that of the environmental impacts of anthropogenic underwater noise). He chose an important and timely problem to address and has comprehensively examined the problem and potential legal solutions.

It is clear that Dr Maruf is a young scholar on an upward trajectory. He has demonstrated independence by complementing his LLB from Walisongo State Islamic University by embarking on studies in a foreign country. He completed an LLM at the prestigious Ocean University of China and then continued his studies in law of the sea by completing a PhD at Xiamen University which is highly regarded in the field.

I have no hesitation in recommending him. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything else I can do on his behalf.

Sincerely,

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