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Speaker Profiles



Baroness Neville-Rolfe DBE CMG, Chair, UK-ASEAN Business Council

Lucy has had three careers, in politics in business and in the civil service.

Currently she is a Conservative peer, sitting on the Lords EU Committee (and its Financial Services sub-committee); is Chair of Red Tractor (the food assurance organization); is Chair of the UK-ASEAN Business Council; and is a Non-Executive Director of Capita plc, Secure Trust Bank Plc, Thomson Reuters Founders Share Company and Health Data Research UK

Lucy became a peer in 2013 and was Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Business and Minister for Intellectual Property from 2014-2016. She represented the UK on the Digital Single Market and in the EU Competitiveness Council. From 2016-2017 she was the Minister of State responsible for energy and then Commercial Secretary at the Treasury.

Lucy's main career was at Tesco from 1997-2013, as Director for Corporate and Legal Affairs, and she served on the Main Board from 2006-2013.

Lucy has previously been a non-executive director of ITV, PwC, Metro AG and other companies. She was President of EuroCommerce, the Brussels retail and wholesale Trade Association, and served on the China Britain Business Council, the UK India Business Council and the CBI Economics Committee.

Before her career at Tesco she was a civil servant and a member of the Prime Minister's Policy Unit in Downing Street, having spent her earlier career in what is now DEFRA.

Lucy is a Governor of the London Business School and an honorary fellow of her old college, Somerville College, Oxford. She is married with four sons, and is interested in the arts, cricket, racing and gardening.



Dr. Doan Duy Khuong, Chair, ASEAN Business Advisory Council

Dr. Doan Duy Khuong is Vice Chairman of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI), a national organisation which represents the business community, employers and business associations across all Vietnam's economic sectors. He is also Chairman of the Vietnam Chapter of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council. Dr. Doan Duy Khuong is the Chairman of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council, a role he also played in 2010.

He also initiated a series of Vietnam Business Forums with Vietnam's strategic trade partners. The Vietnam Business Forum was established at a meeting between the Vietnamese Government and its donor partners in Tokyo in 1997, as one of the first public-private dialogue projects implemented by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and the World Bank. The Forum established regular channels of communications between foreign and domestic companies and the Vietnamese Government, which have been sustained for more than a decade.

Dr Khuong is a founder and incumbent Co-chair of the Vietnam Business Council for Sustainable Development (VBCSD), established by the VCCI under the approval of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. The VBCSD was officially launched on 17th December 2010. It is a business-led organisation with the mandate to promote the business community's active role in, and strong advocacy for, the implementation of the Strategic Orientation for Sustainable Development in Vietnam. The VBCSD facilitates and promotes the sharing of sustainable development experience, solutions and good practice, and strengthens dialogue and close coordination among the business community, the Government and civil organisations in this area. VBCSD is a partner within the Global Network of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD). The WBCSD's Global Network is an alliance of more than 60 CEO-led business organisations worldwide.

Dr Khuong is one of twelve Australian Alumni Ambassadors from eight Indo-Pacific countries recently appointed by the Australian Government who will work with Australia's diplomatic missions in their home countries to grow Australia's global alumni community by raising the profile of Australia's world class education system and strengthening ties between Australia and the rest of the world.

Dr. Doan Duy Khuong is a receiver of Higashi-Kuninomya International Culture Award (Japan).

Dr. Doan Duy Khuong also had some Publications: Website of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry: <http://www.vcci.com.vn>; Biweekly Vietnam Business Magazine in Vietnamese, English and Japanese; Guide Books: Exporting to US, Incoterms 2000, Vietnam's RoadMap of Tarriffs Reduction for AFTA period 2001-2006, The development of Vietnamese Business Community after joining WTO (2013)



The Hon. Ar Yanty Rahman, Co-Chair ASEAN BAC, Legislative Council Member Brunei and ASEAN Future Workforce Council

Yang Berhormat FDr. Ar. Siti Rozaimeriyanty DSLJ Haji Abdul Rahman is a registered Practising Architect with BAPEQS, RIBA Chartered Member, UK and ASEAN Architects. Prior to establishing Eco Bumi Arkitek (EBA), Yang Berhormat Rozaimeriyanty was a Senior Architect with the Public Works Department, Ministry of Development of Brunei for 15 years. She is the first female President of Institution of Surveyor, Engineer and Architect (PUJA Brunei) for the term 2018 to 2019.

Ten years into the establishment of Eco Bumi Arkitek, Yang Berhormat Rozaimeriyanty was appointed by His Majesty the Sultan and Yang-Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam as one of the Brunei Darussalam Legislative Council (LegCo) Members, due to achieving distinction, for a term of five years effective from 2017 until 2021. As a LegCo member, Yang Berhormat Rozaimeriyanty actively presents the equality of opinions in all the concerns raised, particularly on issues of education, women and the economic growth. In order to do this, she actively reaches out to the society in the form of invitations for forums and as a speaker for numerous events.

She has been appointed, among others, as the Board Member for the following institutions: Brunei Darussalam Board of Architects, Professional Engineers and Quantity Surveyor (BAPEQS) for period of 2013 until 2015, Darussalam Enterprise (DARe) Brunei Darussalam from 2016 to 2023, The Brunei Economic Development Board (BEDB) from 2020-2023, Authority for Brunei AITI (Authority for Info-communications Technology Industry) from 2018 to 2023, Board of Housing Developers from 2018 to 2020; ASEAN Business Advisory Council and East Asia Business Advisory Council from 2016 until 2021. Board of Governors for three Brunei Institute of Technical Education commencing from 2018 to 2021 namely the Universiti Teknologi Brunei, the Brunei Polytechnic and the Institute of Brunei Technical Education. She received her Doctor Fellowship in Architecture from Royal Institute of Singapore in 2019



Cindy Rampersaud, Senior Vice President, Pearson BTEC and Apprenticeship

Cindy was appointed Senior Vice President of Pearson's BTEC and Apprenticeship business unit in February 2018. She is responsible for Pearson UK's portfolio of technical, vocational and apprenticeship qualifications delivered by Colleges, Private Training Providers and Employers

Cindy moved into the education sector in 2011 when she took up the role of Deputy Principal at City and Islington College. In 2016 she was appointed a Deputy FE Commissioner by the Department for Education working on the Government's Area Based Review of the Further Education sector nationally.

Before moving into the education sector Cindy held a number of senior roles in the commercial sector including EMI, Warner Brothers and Virgin.

Cindy currently sits on the Board of The Children's Society, The Speakers Trust and the UK-ASEAN Business Council.



Anthony Thompson, Executive Board Director & Regional Managing Director, Asia at Page Group plc

Anthony is an Executive Board Director for Page Group plc and Regional Managing Director for operations across Asia including Greater China, South East Asia, Japan & India. Anthony has worked for the group in Asia since 2001.

Listed on the London Stock Exchange, Page Group is a global leader in the recruitment industry. The business has grown organically and in Asia now has over 1,400 professionals across 18 offices in Greater China, South East Asia, Japan and India.



Dr Robert Yap, President, Singapore National Employers Federation, Chairman YCH Group and ASEAN BAC Member

Robert Yap is the Executive Chairman of YCH Group, Singapore's leading end-to-end supply chain management company with operations spanning across Asia Pacific. Over the last four decades, Robert has played a pivotal role in the logistics and supply chain management field.

Recognised for his visionary leadership, Robert contributes as an advisor on numerous local and international platforms. Robert is President of the Singapore National Employers Federation and the Singapore Chairman of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council. He contributes to the Joint Implementation Committee overseeing the Government-to-Government project in Chongqing, the Future Economy Council (FEC) and the Payments Council.

For his contributions, he was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2017 and named 'Businessman of the Year' at the prestigious Singapore Business Awards in 2016. He was also conferred the NUS Business School Eminent Business (Senior) Alumni Award in 2014 and the Lifetime Achievement Award (Logistics) by the World Chinese Economic Forum in 2013.



Jonathan Ledger, TVET Specialist, Department for International Trade

Jonathan is the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Specialist for the Department for International Trade Education team. Jonathan's expertise is used to lead the development of international TVET opportunities for UK providers, developing the UK TVET export capacity, and promoting the UK's capabilities in the sector. He works with Embassies and High Commissions to understand where opportunities exist and to explain how the UK is well qualified to be able to undertake the specific roles. As a renowned TVET advocate, Jonathan remains a world-class skills practitioner delivering TVET solutions across the globe.