

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

H.E. Pehin Haji Hazair bin Haji Abdullah



Education:

- BA (Hons) Modern Studies, North Staffordshire Polytechnic, U.K.
- Oxford University – Foreign Service Diploma Programme.
- Australian Foreign Service Course, Canberra.
- Senior Executive Course, London Business School.

Career:

- 1979: Attachment at the Education Department.
- 1979-1981: Administrative Officer, Establishment Office.
- 1981: Administrative Officer, Office of the General Adviser to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam.
- 1981: Administrative Officer, Diplomatic Service Department.

- 1982-1984: 2nd Secretary, Brunei Darussalam Commission/High Commission, Kuala Lumpur.
- 1984-1985: 1st Secretary Brunei Darussalam High Commission, London.
- 1986-1991: Senior Administrative Officer, Office of the Special Adviser to His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in the Prime Minister's Office.
- 1991-1996: Director of Information, Prime Minister's Office.
- 1996-1997: Senior Administrative Officer, Prime Minister's Office.
- 1997-2005: Director of Broadcasting.
- 1997-2005: Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office.
- 1997-2005: Chairman of Civil Service Review Committee.
- 1997-2005: Chairman of Civil Service Day Committee.
- 1997-2005: Deputy Chairman of Employees Trust Fund Board.
- 1997-2005: Deputy Chairman of Law Revision Committee.
- 1997-2005: Member of Terms of Service and Salary Scale Committee.
- 1997-2005: Member of Promotion and Transfer Committee.
- 2001-2005: Chairman of E-Government Executive Committee.
- 2001-2005: Member of the Brunei Information Technology Council.
- 2001-2003: Deputy Chairman of Royal Brunei Airlines.
- 2002-2005: Chairman of Police Commission.
- 2003-2005: Chairman of Royal Brunei Airlines (RBA) and RBA subsidiaries.
- 2004-2005: Chairman of Criminal Preventive Law Order Advisory Committee.
- 2004-2005: Member of Legislative Council.
- 2005-2010: Deputy Minister of Health.
- 2010-2015: Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports.
- 2010-2015: Chairman of Brunei Darussalam National Day Committee.
- 2010-2015: Chairman of Employee Trust Fund Board.
- 2010-2015: Chairman of Supplemental Contributory Pension Board.
- November 2010: Member of *Majlis Tertinggi Melayu Islam Beraja* (Malay Islamic Monarchy).
- Mei 2011: Member of *Lembaga Pemegang Amanah Dana Pengiran Muda Mahkota Al-Muhtadee Billah untuk Anak-anak Yatim* (Crown Prince Al-Muhtadee Billah Trust Fund for Orphans).
- 2010-2015: Chairman of National Committee on Social Issues.
- 2010-2015: Chairman of Special Committee on Family and Women.
- 2010-2015: Chairman of Special Committee on Elderly and Disabled.

- 2010 – 2015: Co-Chairman of the Humanitarian Disaster Fund

CAMBODIA

H.E. Mrs. Polyne Hean



Education:

- B.Ed. in TEFL, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
- B.A. in Economics, Royal University of Law and Economics, Cambodia.
- M.A. in Democracy and Governance, Georgetown University, USA.
- M.A. in Development Studies, University of East Anglia, UK.

Career:

- Representative of Cambodia to the AICHR
- Director, ASEAN Department, Office of the Council of Ministers.
- Board Member, iAB Group.
- Vice President, iAB Architecture and Construction Co., Ltd.
- CM Focal Point, National Committee on NTMs and NTR.

- Member, National Committee to Counter Trafficking.
- Member, the Cambodia-China Relations Research Group.

INDONESIA

H.E. Mrs. Dinna Wisnu, Ph.D.



Education:

- BA in Political Science, the University of Indonesia, Jakarta-Indonesia.
- MA in Political Science, the Ohio State University, USA.
- Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy) in Political Science, the Ohio State University, USA.

Career:

- 1996-1998: Writer & Part-time Journalist, Suara Karya Weekly Newspaper
- 1998-2001: Program Officer of National Democratic Institute.
- Manager & Media Liaison in charge of deploying 100 international observers of NDI-, The Carter Center International Election Observation Mission in Indonesia's 1999 Election.
- Ad-interim Program Director for Legislative Program & Women in Politics Program, National Democratic Institute.

- 2001-2007: Teaching Associate/Lecturer, Department of Political Science, the Ohio State University and Faculty of TA Development, the Ohio State University.
- 2007-2008: Deputy Director & Civil Society Expert, RESPECT Project on Religious and Social Pluralism, Equity and Tolerance (World Learning & USAID).
- 2007-2008: Research Director, Center for East Asia Cooperation Studies, University of Indonesia.
- September 2008-present: Co-founder, Director, Paramadina Graduate School of Diplomacy.
- December 2008-present: Co-founder, Director/Dean, Paramadina Graduate Schools.
- 2009: Member of Working Group to propose a Road Map of Healthcare Sector Reform to elected GoI (President Yudhoyono), funded and organised by CSIS.
- 2012: Lead, design and organise 8 activities for ILO on social protection development, specific focus on reaching universal coverage in BPJS Health and BPJS Employment.
- 2013 (Mar-Jul): UN-ESCAP on social protection; specific focus on PNPM and PKH.
- 2013 (Nov-Dec), 2014 (Nov), 2015 (Oct-Nov): Train journalists on 7 cities about social protection (funded by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Germany).
- Advise Government of Republic of Indonesia on social protection development (2010 as Member of Working Group on Healthcare at TNP2K (National Team to Accelerate Poverty Alleviation), 2014 for BAPPENAS in cooperation with DFAT Australia & GRM International, 2014 as the Chair of Working Group on Health and Manpower of the Transition Team of President Joko Widodo and Vice President Jusuf Kalla)
- Advise Government of Republic of Indonesia on various aspects of foreign policy and diplomacy (since 2010 for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defense).
- Train government officials of the Republic of Indonesia on international political economy, foreign policy and diplomacy (Bank of Indonesia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Advise Government of The Democratic Republic of Timor Leste (Ministry of Social Solidarity) on National Social Protection Programs
- Lead and Advise the Parliament of Cambodia (Commission VIII on Healthcare, Women and Veteran) on lesson learned of building Universal Health Insurance System.
- Conduct various research on political economy and social protection (e.g. with PUSAD, Ford Foundation and the Asia Foundation, with Australia National University, with Nossal Institute of Melbourne University, Knowledge Sector Reform and DFAT Australia, with Gadjah Mada University)
- 2015 (Apr-Jun): Co-founder Master Degree program in Social Policy at the Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia.

LAO PDR

H.E. Mr. Phoukhong Sisoulath



Education:

- MA in International Law, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO).
- PGDip in International Law, Nottingham University.
- Fulbright American Studies Institute: Reform in American History and Law at Boston College.
- Higher Diploma in Politics and Public Administration, Lao National Academy of Politics and Public Administration.

Career:

- 1996-2010: Joined the Department of Treaties and Laws, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), having served in capacities as Desk Officer, Legal Officer, Human Rights Officer, Deputy Director of the Legal Affairs Division, Director of the Multilateral

Treaties Division, Director of the Human Rights Division, Deputy Director-General, National Project Manager of the International Law Project, Phase I, II and III.

- 2011-2012: Assistant to the Lao PDR Representative to the AICHR, then Lao PDR Alternate Representative to the AICHR.
- 2013: Representative of the Lao PDR to the AICHR (for the term 2013-2015).
- 2014: Participant of EU Visitor Programme (EUVP).
- Since 2014: Director General, Department of Treaties and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
- Since 2014: Secretary General, Lao National Steering Committee on Human Rights.
- Since 2014: Head of Output 5: International Law and Human Rights, Legal Sector Master Plan on the Rule of Law.
- 2015: Member of the Lao Delegation to the UPR 2nd Cycle of the UN Human Rights Council.

MALAYSIA

H.E. Mr. Edmund Bon Tai Soon



Education:

- LL.B. Laws Honours, University College of London, England (Malaysian Scholarship).
- MSt in International Human Rights Law, University of Oxford, England (British Chevening Scholarship).

Career:

- 1997: Utter Barrister, the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (Admitted to the Bar of England & Wales in September 2007).
- 1998: Advocate and Solicitor, the High Court of Malaya (Admitted to the Bar of Malaya in June 1998).
- 1998-2002: Associate, Chooi & Company, Advocates & Solicitors, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2002-2012: Senior Associate, Chooi & Company, Advocates & Solicitors, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2012-2014: Partner, Chooi & Company, Advocates & Solicitors, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2014-2016: Head of Chambers, *BON Advocates*, Kuala Lumpur.
- 2016: Head of Chambers (Civil), *AmerBON Advocates*, Kuala Lumpur.

- 2004-2014: Member, National Human Rights Society (HAKAM).
- 2005-2008: Legal Counsel, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).
- 2006-2008: Secretariat member, Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM).
- 2006: Co-founder of blawg (legal blog), www.loyarbuok.com.
- 2006-2011: Elected member, Bar Council, Malaysia.
- 2006-2008: Chairperson, National Young Lawyers' Committee, Bar Council.
- 2007-2009: Chairperson, Human Rights Committee, Bar Council.
- 2009-2011: Chairperson, Constitutional Law Committee, Bar Council.
- 2010: Co-author of Halsbury's Laws of Malaysia on "Citizenship, Immigration, National Security & the Police" (Volume 27).
- 2011: Co-founder of the Malaysian Centre for Constitutionalism & Human Rights (MCCHR).
- 1998-2016: More than 50 public interest cases reported in the media and law journals, and more than 800 hours of training and capacity-building programmes conducted locally and regionally.

MYANMAR

H.E. U Hla Myint



Education:

- B.A., Yangon University.
- Master in Public Policy, John Hopkins University, USA.
- Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations and Development, Institute of Social Studies, the Netherlands.

Career:

- 1970-1974: Ministry of Education.
- 1974-1980: Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 1980: Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 1984-1988: Third Secretary, Myanmar Permanent Mission, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1992-1998: First Secretary, Myanmar Permanent Mission, New York, USA.

- 1998-2002: Director, International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2002-2005: Minister Counsellor, Myanmar Embassy, Pretoria, South Africa.
- 2005-2006: Deputy Director-General, International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2007-2008: Director-General, International Organizations and Economic Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2008-2010: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Commonwealth of Australia.
- 2011-2014: Member of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission.
- 2011-2012: Expert and Eminent Person of Myanmar to ASEAN-U.S.
- 2008-present: ASEAN Regional Forum of Experts and Eminent Persons.
- 2015: Myanmar Representatives to High Level Task Force on the ASEAN Community's Post-2015 Vision.

PHILIPPINES

H.E. Mrs. Loretta Ann Pargas-Rosales



Education:

- Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, University of the Philippines.
- Master of Arts in Asian Studies, University of the Philippines.

Career:

- Chair Emeritus, Akbayan Citizens Action Party.
- Co-chair, Philippine Coalition for the International Criminal Court.
- President, Institute for Political and Electoral Reform (IPER).
- Chair, Claimants 1081.
- Chair, First Quarter Storm Foundation.
- Honorary Chair, Teachers, Inc.
- Vice-President, Freedom from Debt Coalition (FDC).

- Member, Philippine Working Group, ASEAN Human Rights Mechanism.
- Council Member, The Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances (AFAD).
- Senior Advisor, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentarians Myanmar Caucus (AIPMC).

SINGAPORE

H.E. Amb. Barry Desker



Education:

- B.A. (First Class Honours), University of Singapore.
- M.A., University of London (Ford Foundation Fellowship).
- Ford Foundation Fellow, Cornell University.
- Honorary Doctorate, Warwick University.
- Honorary Doctorate, University of Exeter.

Career:

- 1970: Singapore Foreign Service.
- 1982: Deputy Secretary, Administrative Service.
- 1982-1984: Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York.

- 1984-1986: Director, Policy, Planning and Analysis Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 1986-1993: Ambassador of Singapore to Indonesia.
- 1994-2000: Chief Executive Officer, Trade Development Board.
- 2000-2014: Director of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies.
- 2007-2014: Dean of Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University.
- 1 November 2010-31 March 2016: Inaugural Bakrie Professorship of Southeast Asia Policy at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University.
- Distinguished Fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University.
- Member of Governing Board of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Cordell Hull Institute (Washington DC).
- Member of the Trilateral Commission and an Honorary Advisor of the UN Association of Singapore.
- Member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights.
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship.
- Chairman of Singapore Technologies Marine.
- Expert and Eminent Person (EEP) of Singapore, ASEAN Regional Forum.
- Non-Resident Ambassador of Singapore to the Holy See and Spain.

THAILAND

H.E. Dr. Seree Nonthasoot



Education:

- LL.B., Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.
- Barrister-at-Law, Bar Association of Thailand.
- LL.M. (International Trade Law), Columbia University School of Law, New York, USA (Fulbright Scholarship).
- Magister Juris (European and Comparative Law), University of Oxford (Chevening Scholarship).
- Doctor of Philosophy, University of Oxford, England, United Kingdom.

Career:

- Representative of Thailand to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights [www.AICHR.or.th].
- Director and Audit Committee Member, SME Development Bank of Thailand.
- Director and Chairman of Audit Committee Member, KTB Law Co., Ltd.
- Director, Krungthai Computer Services, Co., Ltd.

- Senior Executive Vice President, Institute of Research and Development for Public Enterprises [www.IRDP.org].

VIET NAM

H.E. Amb. Nguyen Thi Nha



Education:

- Bachelor's Degree in International Relations, Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam – Hanoi Bachelor of Arts, Hanoi National University, Viet Nam.
- Master's Degree (TESOL) - Canberra, Australia.
- Master's Degree in Law & Foreign Policy – Tuff University, Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Massachusetts, United States

Career:

- 1980-1992: Official, General Affairs and International Organisations Department.
- 1990-1992: Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 1995-1999: First Secretary, Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations, New York, USA.
- 2005-2008: Minister Counselor, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Viet Nam to the United Kingdom and Ireland.

- 2011-2014: Consul-General of Viet Nam to Hong Kong & Macau - China's Special Administrative Regions.
- 2011-2014: Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Since 2013: Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam.