

## **JOHN RANDALL**

John Randall is an independent consultant on higher education and professional training. He has carried out assignments for international agencies, government departments, universities and professional bodies in Hong Kong, the Philippines, Oman, South Africa, Chile, Spain, the Netherlands and many of the Caribbean countries, as well as in the United Kingdom. Other recent assignments include acting as Technical Secretary to the Performance and Role Related Funding Scheme of the University Grants Committee of Hong Kong, developing a monitoring and evaluation scheme for the Commission on Higher Education in the Philippines, and leading a strategic review for the Ministry of Higher Education in Oman. Currently, John Randall is working with the Hong Kong Council on Academic Accreditation, the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago, University Council Jamaica, and the College of Law in Australia, as well as with United Kingdom clients in the field of legal education.

In addition to his consultancy work, he holds a number of public positions in the United Kingdom. In 2004 he was appointed by the Prime Minister to chair the Police Negotiating Board, and he also chairs the Police Advisory Board for England and Wales and the Police Advisory Board for Northern Ireland. He is Chair of Skills for Justice, the Sector Skills Council with responsibility for skills development for the police, the courts, the prison service, the probation service, prosecution services and related voluntary organisations. He is a member of the Legal Services Consultative Panel, a lay member of the Information Tribunal, and a lay assessor for the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board. He is a member of the Council of the City & Guilds of London Institute, where he serves on the executive, international, and learning & assessment committees.

From 1997 to 2001, John was Chief Executive of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, which carried out an extensive programme of reviews of universities and colleges, and advised government on the grant of degree awarding powers and university title. He was a member of the Board of the International Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education, and chaired the Network's 2001 conference programme committee.

Prior to joining the Agency as its first Chief Executive in 1997, John was Director, Professional Standards and Development at the Law Society, with responsibility for professional regulation, and the education and training of solicitors. John served on the National Council for Vocational Qualifications from 1992 to 1997, and chaired the Council's NVQ Policy Committee.

John's early career was as a trade union official with the (then) Civil Service Union, where he held the post of Deputy General Secretary. After graduation in 1971, he served as President of the National Union of Students. John is a graduate of the University of York, a Fellow of the City & Guilds of London Institute (FCGI), a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and holds an honorary Doctorate in Law from the Nottingham Trent University.

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