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Ian was born in 1948 in the UK and educated in South Yorkshire and at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London where he specialised in voice and speech. He gained his post graduate diploma in Arbitration Law from Reading University.

Career Experience

On graduation in 1968, Ian joined **Yorkshire Television** Ltd as an in-vision presenter. In 1969, he joined **The British Broadcasting Corporation** as a producer-announcer in radio and television. Ian wrote, produced, and presented news and current affairs as well as general programming and classical concerts. In 1970, he transferred to **BBC** Television Centre as producer-presenter working on a wide variety of assignments.

Ian was seconded to **NHK**, Tokyo in 1976, as invited specialist, working in Radio Japan, and with the international department on a variety of television programmes for the international market.

In 1980, he went freelance and set up **COMMUNICAT**, a communications consulting service. His assignments included a spell as Executive Producer in the World Broadcasting Service of Radio Nederland, and as Trainer (Broadcasting) for the Government of Singapore. He represented BBC Tv Co-productions. He was a bi-lingual newsreader for NHK (three days per week for one and a half years), as well as a Saturday news editor and presenter for JCTV. He served as Advisor to the General Manager, International Operations, NTV and Tokyo Correspondent for TV World magazine. He did countless narrations and on-camera presentations for a wide variety of clients in broadcasting and in commerce.

Since 1987, Ian has served as Executive Director of the British Chamber of Commerce, responsible for public affairs, and editor of the Chamber's publications.

Other Experience

Ian wrote a monthly column for Nikkan Kogyo Shimbun. He wrote book reviews and theatre criticism for the Asahi Evening News as well as articles for various other publications in Japan and overseas. He has written, produced, and presented numerous radio and TV programmes which have won international awards, as well as publishing short works of fiction.

Memberships and Honors

Member of the Society of Authors
Past President of the Tokyo International Players

Past President of the Royal Society of St George
Former Director/Board Member, Tokyo International Learning Community
Councilor, Yomiuri International Economic Society
Former Member of the Council of the Japan-British Society and
Programme Committee Chairman
Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Member of the Japan Arbitrators Association.
Auditor of the Tokyo Club
Recipient of a Kanshajo from the Nihon Zenko Kai.
A Permanent Resident of Japan
Appointed Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in the
1993/4 New Year Honours List.
Clubs: The Tokyo Club; The City Club of Tokyo