

BIOGRAPHIES

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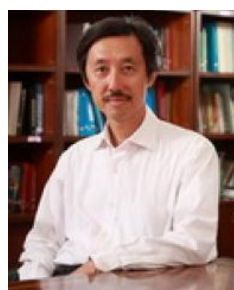
Mr. Alastair Carthew has almost 40 years experience as a newspaper and broadcasting journalist, public relations executive, presenter, editor, researcher and senior manager in many different countries. He was chief parliamentary reporter for Television New Zealand, editor for a current affairs programme and New Zealand correspondent for Newsweek and The Christian Science Monitor. Furthermore Mr. Carthew held senior public affairs positions at several large companies including Star Alliance and Air New Zealand. He has also co-authored and contributed to a number of books produced by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

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