

**Mr. Michael Mann,
President RMIT International University Vietnam
BioNote**

Mr Mann took up the appointment as the Founding President of RMIT International University Vietnam, the only 100% foreign invested university operating in Asia, in July 2002.

Prior to this appointment, Mr Mann was Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, a position he held for just over four years.

Mr Mann commenced his career as a journalist at The Australian newspaper, before moving to diplomacy. He subsequently had postings as a diplomat to Japan, Cambodia, Italy, China, Indonesia, Thailand, France and Laos. He was the first Australian Consul appointed to Bali in 1981 and was Ambassador in Vientiane from 1990 to 1994. During his assignments to Laos and Vietnam, Mr Mann oversaw the construction of the only two bridges over the Mekong River.

From 1988 to 1990, Mr Mann was Assistant Secretary in charge of Personnel and Services in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra.

From 1994 to 1997, Mr Mann was the Chief Executive Officer responsible for international television at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in Sydney. He was also a member of the ABC's Board of Management. He later had a similar role with the Seven Network in Australia.

Mr Mann is also the Ambassador to the Kingdoms of Thailand and Cambodia for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. He is also a Director of the Australia-Vietnam Medical Foundation.

Mr Mann is a recipient of Vietnam's Friendship, Agriculture and Red Cross medals and Laos' Order of Labour as well as a Knight of the Order of Malta.

Mr Mann is married with two daughters.