



Perya Short
Education Counsellor, South Asia
Ministry of Education
New Zealand

Perya Short has been appointed to the role of South Asia Education Counsellor, and will be based at the New Zealand Embassy in New Delhi.

Perya's appointment is part of a strategy to strengthen New Zealand's education relationship with India. The strategy builds on existing activity, much of which is in the tertiary arena. It focuses on strengthening research, science and technology links and developing new links around vocational training. Perya will play a key role in implementing this strategy, and will be working to build relationships between New Zealand and Indian education agencies, institutions and sector groups.

Perya has extensive diplomatic and foreign affairs experience having held policy analyst and programme manager positions with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and with the Ministry of Education's international division.

At MFAT Perya was involved in managing New Zealand's political and economic relationships with Japan, and then the EU. She was posted to the New Zealand Embassy in Bangkok from 1992 – 95 and managed the NZODA aid programme for Thailand and Laos as part of her duties, including provision of primary education resources and support for NZ's Volunteer Service Abroad teachers working in Laos. From 1997 – 2000, Perya worked in NZODA in Wellington and was responsible for relations with multilateral agencies including UNESCO and the Commonwealth of Learning, and the international development banks.

Since 2000, Perya worked part-time for an international development group called Sustainable Project Management providing programme management support for their activities in the Asia/Pacific region, as well as advice on community participation in development projects.

Perya joined the International Division of the Ministry of Education as a Senior Policy Analyst in late 2004. Her policy work focused on establishing the Education Counsellor network offshore, an internationalisation framework for the Ministry, and the government's future engagement in international education.

Perya has a BA in History and Political Science from the University of Auckland, an Honours Degree (1st Class) in International Relations from Victoria University of Wellington, and a post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies from the Australian National University.

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(Perya leaves for New Delhi in April 2007 and in the meantime is based with the Ministry of Education's International Division in Wellington)

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