

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Dr Malcolm Abbott has decided to step down from his position as Director of the Centre for Research in International Education. We express our appreciation to him for the work he has done in establishing the Centre. He has not only encouraged the participation of others, but has led by example in the regular submission of papers to the Research Paper Series of the Centre. Under his leadership the Centre has hosted two international conferences: one in August, 2004 *The Internationalisation of Education in New Zealand: Successes, Challenges and Opportunities* and one in June, 2005 *Reflective Practice-the Key to Innovation in International Education*. This conference is now a biennial event with the next one scheduled for June, 2007 *The Role of English as a "Lingua Paedagogica" in Teaching and Learning in International Education*.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Ershad Ali as the new Director of the Centre for Research in International Education. Dr Ali is a specialist in the field of Economics and has a special interest in technology transfer to enable the development of sustainable alternative energy sources in developing countries. He is currently a Senior Lecturer in Economics at AIS St Helens. His previous positions include Visiting Lecturer at the Global Institute Business and Technology, Bangladesh, Tutor in the Department of Applied and International Economics, Massey University, Visiting Lecturer at the Academy for Planning and Development, Dhaka, Research Facilitator at the College of Business, Massey University, Development Manager for Enery Information Services Ltd, Senior Assistant Chief in the Bangladesh Civil Service.

We look forward to further development of the Centre's activity and capability under Dr Ali's leadership.

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