

## BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

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Professor Datuk Dr Rajendran Nagappan is currently a Senior Consultant with the World Bank for a project on education for the EAP. He is a retired Professor of Pedagogy and Thinking Skills at Sultan Idris Education University (UPSI), Tanjong Malim, Malaysia and formerly served as the Director General of the Unit for Socio-Economic Development of Indian Community (SEDIC) and Coordinator of Action Plan for Future of Tamil Schools, both at the Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia. He has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of AIMST University, Malaysia.



He completed his Ph.D. in Curriculum, Teaching and Educational Policy from the College of Education, Michigan State University (MSU) in 1998. His area of research was on the teaching of higher-order thinking skills in language classrooms. Prior to his position at the university, he served as the Assistant Director of the Curriculum Unit, Teacher Education Division of the Ministry of Education, Malaysia focusing on research, planning and implementing various subject areas and the teaching of thinking skills at teacher education colleges in Malaysia.

He has and continue to conduct various workshops and seminars for university lecturers, teachers and Ministry of Education officials on the teaching and learning, teaching of higher-order thinking skills and management, both locally and in countries such as India, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, Mauritius, and Myanmar.

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