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Dr. Michael H. Anderson is a strategic communications and international education specialist with some 30 years of experience serving in the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) and working in both South Asia and Southeast Asia. He also has been a journalist, a teacher, a Peace Corps Volunteer, and an information officer with UNICEF at UN Headquarters in New York.

His last Foreign Service position in public diplomacy (2006-2010) was Counselor for Public Affairs in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he managed the U.S. Embassy's press, cultural, and educational affairs and co-chaired the board of the American Indonesian Exchange Foundation (AMINEF -- the Fulbright Commission). Recently he was brought back into the Department of State on a special assignment as outreach coordinator for the Third Round of the China-U.S. Strategic and Economic Dialogue held on May 9-10, 2011 in Washington.

His postings were Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs, New Delhi, India (2002-2006); Counselor for Public Affairs, Manila, Philippines (1998-2002); Public Affairs Officer, Singapore (1994-1998); Public Affairs Officer, Karachi, Pakistan (1990-1992); Information Officer, New Delhi, India (1987-1990); Public Affairs Officer, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (1985-1987); and Assistant Information Officer, Manila, Philippines (1982-1985). Also, he was the Policy Officer in the U.S. Information Agency's Office of North African, Near Eastern, and South Asian Affairs, Washington, D.C. (1992-1994).

Born in International Falls, Minnesota, Anderson has a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Hawaii/East-West Center, Honolulu (1979) and an MA (1974) and a BA (1968) in Journalism/Mass Communication from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. He has conducted policy and media research in Southeast Asia and has authored *Madison Avenue in Asia: Politics and Transnational Advertising* and co-edited *Crisis in International News: Policies and Prospects*. As a Peace Corps Volunteer, he was an English teacher and a journalism lecturer/trainer in Malaysia (1968-1971). At the University of Minnesota, he was an instructor and assistant to the director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication (1973-74) and Information Services Coordinator for the College of Education (1972-73). His media experience includes reporting stints on daily newspapers in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota and serving as editor-in-chief of "The Minnesota Daily" when it was the world's largest college newspaper.

His Foreign Service awards have included two meritorious honor awards (1987, 1990); two special act or service awards (1991, 1996); a superior honor award (1986); and a certificate from the FBI Director (2002) for "exceptional service in the public interest" for work on the Abu Sayyaf terrorist group hostage crisis in the Philippines. He received a Special Service Award from the Institute of International Education, New York, for "outstanding support of international educational relations between the peoples of the United States and South and Southeast Asia" (2009) and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the East-West Center, Honolulu, for promoting better relations and understanding between the peoples of the United States, Asia and the Pacific (2002).

His special diplomatic assignments have included work as the White House coordinator of foreign media coverage of the September 13, 1993 Israel-PLO peace accord signing in Washington; public affairs officer for the U.S. delegation at the December, 1996 first ministerial of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Singapore; and public diplomacy coordinator for the 8th APEC Leaders' meeting in November, 2000 in Brunei.

Anderson is a member of the board of the Public Diplomacy Alumni Assn. Also, he is a member of the Asia Society, the East-West Center Association, the Society of Professional Journalists, the Society of International Development (SID), USINDO, and the Asian Media Information and Communication Center (AMIC).

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Mr. Anderson is willing to speak on:

- U.S. Public Diplomacy Challenges and Opportunities
- The Rise of Asia and Implications for America
- The New U.S.-India Strategic Partnership (or The Rise of India)
- The New U.S.-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership (or The Rise of India)
- The Chase for International Students – Is America Losing Out?