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Biography

Cassim graduated from the University of Sri Lanka's Faculty of Natural Sciences in 1970 with a bachelor's degree from the Department of Architecture. His post-graduate education was in Japan, where he received a master's degree from the Department of Urban Engineering in the Graduate School of Engineering at The University of Tokyo in 1976. He was in the doctoral programme of the same department from 1977–1982. He has worked in private industry. He has also served in the public sector, including a nine-year period at the United Nations Centre for Regional Development, where he was Chief Researcher and UN Expert. He joined Ritsumeikan University as Professor in 1994, attached to the Faculty of International Relations (1994-1996) and the Faculty of Policy Science (1996-2004), serving as Executive Director of Ritsumeikan's Center for Global Education and Research (2000-2004). He founded the Discovery Research Laboratory in 2000 at Ritsumeikan. He has been Honorary Visiting Professor at GKT, School of Medicine in King's College, London since 2003, working on health informatics and knowledge discovery. His research specialization currently focuses on environmental and health science, process analysis and system design, and in linking high technologies to industry. He was appointed to his current position in April 2004.