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Chandran Nair is the Founder and CEO of the **Global Institute For Tomorrow (GIFT)**, an independent pan-Asian think tank based in Hong Kong focused on advancing a deeper understanding of global issues including the shift of economic and political influence from the West to Asia, the dynamic relationship between business and society, and the reshaping of the rules of global capitalism. GIFT has pioneered an internationally recognised approach to executive education that has been presented in a report to the United Nations on Innovations in Leadership Development and featured in the [*Financial Times*](#) and *Wall Street Journal*.

Chandran is a bio-chemical engineer by training and was chairman of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) in Asia Pacific until 2004, establishing the company as Asia's leading environmental consultancy. For more than a decade he has strongly advocated a more sustainable approach to development in Asia, advising governments and multi-national corporations to instil these principles into their policies and key decision making processes.

In addition to his work with GIFT, Chandran continues to provide strategic management advice to business leaders. In this regard he has been invited to speak to and advise global

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Chandran is a regular speaker at the World Economic Forum (WEF), APEC Summits, OECD events and various UN conferences. He is a member of WEF's Global Agenda Council on Governance for Sustainability. His articles on topics ranging from economic policy to education frequently appear in leading publications such as the *Financial Times*, TIME, *The Guardian*, *Huffington Post* and *The New York Times*. He has also been interviewed on many leading global media networks including *BBC*, *CNN*, *Al Jazeera*, *Bloomberg*, *CNBC*, *CCTV*, *Channel News Asia* and *Deutsche Welle*.

Chandran has served as Adjunct Professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Chandran is the author of [*Consumptionomics: Asia's Role in Reshaping Capitalism and Saving the Planet*](#) which was ranked as one of the top-fifty breakout capitalism books by *The Guardian* and has been translated into Chinese, German and Bahasa. He is also the creator of [*The Other Hundred*](#), a non-profit global photo journalism initiative to present a counterpoint to media consensus on some of today's most important issues.

A keen sportsman, Chandran managed the Hong Kong hockey team for seven years, taking it to the 2002 Asian Games in South Korea. He plays the saxophone and used to head a band in Africa where he lived and worked as a volunteer in the field of water supply, sanitation and public health. He has lived and worked in Asia, Europe and Africa.