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Biography

Prof Dr Andrew Seddon is a long-standing graduate of Keele University (UK) where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science First Class Honours degree in Mathematics & Computer Science, a Master of Science degree in Data Engineering with Distinction and a PhD in Computer Science. He followed this with a year as Departmental Fellow at Keele University and eventually moved to Staffordshire University (UK) in 1995.

Soon after his move to Staffordshire University he became the lead academic for the development, monitoring and management of the European Social Fund Master of Science: Computing for Business to promote retraining of unemployed graduates in deprived areas to develop computing skills and to produce work relevant 'converted' postgraduates able to fulfil the need of the technology industry as the regions moved from a manufacturing economy to services/technology economy.

His involvement in international education began when he became the Programme Director and Senior Lecturer for the International Masters Programmes offered by Staffordshire University in Asia. This began what has been a 20-year journey which has seen him teaching international groups of students in the UK, Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia. In 2003 he moved to the Asia Pacific University of Technology & innovation (APU), formerly the Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

During his 16 years in the country he has been a member of the panel of experts developing the Malaysian Qualifications Agency Programme Standards for Computing as well as being an expert reviewer for the development of other discipline area programme standards and codes of practice.

As well as working with MQA he has been recognised by the Ministry of Education with an invitation in 2012 to join the MOE weekend review meetings for consideration of Guidelines and Standards. In 2014 he was approached by the Economic Planning Unit (part of the Prime Minister's Office) as the only non-Malaysian for the development of the 11th Malaysia Plan focusing on the human capital development of ICT in Malaysia.