



## Honorary Global Advisor – Project Management Profession

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**Adesh Jain**, M. Eng, CPP, MPD, is Managing Director of the Centre for Excellence in Project Management Ltd. (India), President of PM Guru, Inc. (USA), and Honorary President of Project Management Associates (PMA - India). Adesh is a former president and Chair of the Council of Delegates for the International Project Management Association (IPMA). Adesh's career includes 40+ years of project-oriented work, including projects for Litton Industries and Control Data Corporation in the USA in the early 1970s. In 1973, Adesh returned to India where he became No. 2 in one of the largest steel plants in India.

In 1975, Adesh was asked by Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited, the largest Indian Government engineering undertaking, to head their IT and Project Management services, the youngest CEO ever to head a division there. He became Chairman of the Heavy Engineering Group in 1982. In 1991, the President of India honored him with a Fellowship award for laying a strong foundation for the IT industry in India. He has since been conferred with 6 major awards in India, including the 'Gem of India' award.

Adesh started the Centre for Excellence in Project Management in 1992, and founded Project Management Associates (PMA), India - a-not-for-profit registered society in 1993. He was elected to the steering committee for the Global PM Forum in 1996 and received a Distinguished Contribution Award from the Project Management Institute (PMI®) in the USA in 1997. In January 1999, Adesh became the first non-European to become a Vice President of IPMA, serving three terms through 2004. He was elected President of IPMA for 2005 and IPMA Chair for two years beginning January 2007.

Adesh has addressed or trained over 50,000 people worldwide, has made over 40 keynote presentations, is author of the book "New Dimensions in Project Management" (1992), and has authored over 50 articles on project management. Since 1999, Adesh has contributed significantly to modern PM in China where he has trained over 2,000 professionals. He is Honorary Chairman of the China Project Management Committee (CPMC), the first non-Chinese to enjoy such a privilege. In 2001, he was invited to give a keynote presentation in the Great Hall of China at a UNIDO conference. Adesh has been a keynote speaker at major conferences in Abu Dhabi, China, Sweden, Thailand, and Turkey. For the last twenty years, he has organized and managed an international PM conference in New Delhi, and he was the organizer and project manager of the 19th IPMA World Congress held in New Delhi in November 2005, the first IPMA congress outside of Europe and the largest IPMA congress ever held.

Adesh Jain has a BS in Mathematics and BS in Electrical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and a MS in Control Systems from Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada. Adesh received the IPMA Honorary Fellowship award in October 2006. Adesh lives in New Delhi, India but divides his time between Asia, India, Europe and the USA.

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