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Alan Carroll is the Executive Chairman of Carroll Partners International, a **specialist strategic management consultancy** which has developed a specific focus on the Asia Pacific region and which has been built over the past two decades around twenty select major multinational corporate relationships. He is the founder and Executive Chairman of the **Pacific Rim Forum** - the region's most prestigious corporate meeting. Pacific Rim Forums have now been successfully conducted in San Diego (1992); Bali (1993); Beijing (1994); Bangkok (1995); Hong Kong (1997); Shanghai (1998); Sydney (2000) with the next being the **2004 Pacific Rim Forum** to be held in Beijing next March with the new incoming Government of the People's Republic of China who formally took office in March 2003.

Mr Carroll is also the founder of the Pacific Rim Forum's newest initiative, **Asia's Science-based Innovation, Life Sciences & Technology Summit** which plans to alternate this equally important event **semi-annually** between China and Asia's other major emerging bio-science centers. This Summit is fully intended to be the Asia Pacific region's most influential gathering around the rapidly growing area of the Life Sciences which are widely expected to transform Asia's three largest industries: energy, health and agriculture. The **Inaugural** Asia Science-based Innovation, Life Sciences & Technology Summit was conducted to high acclaim in Beijing, June 2002, with the next to be held in Shanghai in October 2004.

Alan has also been the co-founder and Chairman of Australian Ratings, Australia's foremost corporate credit rating agency and a member of the Board of McDonald's and Chairman of Ronald McDonald Children's Charities.

He originates from Western Australia and graduated from Georgetown University, Washington DC, where he attended the School of Foreign Service studying International Economics and Government. He is also an alumnus of the Program for Management Development at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He has worked closely with a number of major MNC's in developing and better executing their Asian strategies for more than 20 years.