

## Gary W. Dirks

Former President, BP China

### Education:

Ph.D., Chemistry, Arizona State University

Dr. Dirks has spent his entire career with BP and its predecessor companies since completing a Doctorate in Chemistry from Arizona State University.

Gary began his career in Research and Development before moving into Oil and Chemicals Marketing and Strategic Planning. He is currently Group Vice President of the BP Group and also Head of BP for the Asia, Pacific Region.

Gary is on the Board of the China-US Centre for Sustainable Development as well as the Board of Directors of the China Business Council for Sustainable Development.

Gary was awarded China's "Friendship Award" in the autumn of 2003 and received an honorary CMG from the UK in 2005.

In December 2008 he was recognized by the People's Daily as one of the 10 most influential Multinational Companies Leaders of the last 30 years of China's Economic Development.

