



## Mr. Harbachan Singh

Mr. Harbachan Singh is an attorney, Barrister-at-Law (U.K.) and has an MBA degree from St. John's University in US. He worked with the Police force and then went into private law practice before he joined the United Nations for thirty years where he served in various capacities in New York and the peace-keeping missions and from where he retired as Chairman, UN HQ Committee on Contracts. His passion to serve humanity has persisted and currently he is involved in holding high position in various local community organizations dealing with social, economic and legislative matters. He has received distinguished meritorious awards, accolades and commendations from US Congressmen, the Mayor of the city of New York and Senators of New York State.

Born in Malaysia. Of Indian heritage and a Sikh by religion. Married with three grown up children and 6 little grand-children.

Education: Barrister-at-Law (UK) 1967(Attorney), MA. Govt. & Politics, St. John's University New York (1981).

Languages: Proficient in English, French, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Tamil, Malay & Indonesian. Knowledge of Spanish, Arabic, Chinese.

Work Experience:

- Malaysian Police: Criminal Investigation Dept. & Traffic: 8 years. (1957-1965)
- Private practice as Attorney in Malaysia : 2 years (1967-1969)
- United Nations, 1969-2004: As Chief of Transportation, supervised issuance of UN Passports and getting appropriate visas for world travel of UN staff & delegates and responsible for UN shipments. Retired in 2004 as Chairman, United Nations Committee on Contracts (Authorized \$2 Billion contracts value per year). Served Peace-Keeping Missions in Saudi Arabia 6 months & East Timor 9 months.

Experience: (Since 1997)

Represented UN at the "Gateway Improvement Task Force" constituted by President Ronald Regan (Chaired by Mayor John Lindsay) to facilitate travel from east coast in and out of New York City airports and seaports...

Return of Kuwaiti Property from Iraq: 1997-1998. Served as UN Team Leader in Saudi Arabia and facilitated the return of Kuwaiti Property taken by Iraq before Desert Storm.



Electoral Process in East Timor: As a result of my interest in serving people & electoral process, I was trained by the UN and conducted, as Deputy Chief of UN Administration, a very complex and dangerous referendum in East Timor in 1999. UN staff had to be evacuated in 2000 as the militia burnt down the country in rampage due to outcome of referendum.

Local community activities: 1997-2000. With the help and guidance of with NYC Councilman Sheldon Leffler, assisted individuals with problems such as those relating to housing, schooling, medical, transportation and baby-sitting.

Tom Golisano for Governor Campaign: May-Nov. 2002, served as Assistant Regional Coordinator (Westchester & Hudson Valley). Traveled extensively and conducted the campaign in accordance with the State of New York Election Law 2002. Set up office and dealt with local Boards' of Elections and Political Party Chiefs. Secured appropriate volunteers and hired paid manpower resources and dealt with press conferences. Worked assiduously on the "Get Out The Vote" program.

Current activities:

Vice-Chairman, Appointments & Promotions Committee (Human Resources Div.) of the UN.  
Vice Chairman, United Nations Joint Appeals Board of Management Dept. (Staff elected)

Member of Community Board #8 since 2003 (also Chair: Government Rules & Regulations Committee)

President, Sikh American Friendship Foundation, Inc.

Delegate (Alumni) of Queens Borough President's General Assembly. (Honored as Distinct Citizen of Queens)

Board Member: Friends of Cunningham Park.

President: The Saul Weprin Regular Democratic Club.

Received numerous proclamations & accolades from US Congressmen, NYC Comptroller and other elected officials.

Vice Chairman, The Harriet and Kenneth Kupferberg Holocaust Resource Center & Archives, Queensborough Community College.

Advisory Board Member, Queens Public Television Station.

Board Member, Community Advisory Board, Queens Hospital Center.

Judicial Alternate Delegate for the Democratic Organization of Queens County of the New York State Democratic Committee

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