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Biography of Dr Javad Mottaghi

Dr Javad Mottaghi is the Secretary-General of the ABU. He was appointed on 8 January 2010 and assumed office on 3 May 2010. Before joining the ABU, he was Director of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for 12 years.

He has 32 years of national and international experience in media/communication in the following areas: international affairs, media/communication development and broadcasting, AV productions and co-production, ICTs, capacity building, networking, research, publications, negotiations, fund raising, news and programming for radio and television, social and cultural television programmes and sports coverage.

Dr Mottaghi has vast experience in broadcasting, having served Iran's national broadcaster Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) in various capacities especially in the field of sports, production and news.

Dr Mottaghi was awarded Elizabeth R Award for Exceptional Contribution to Public Service Broadcasting. The award was presented by the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association (CBA) during the CBA General Assembly in Tonga on 11 February 2009.

He is a member of the board for the World Radio & Television Council (WRTVC) since 2001. Dr Mottaghi is currently Associate member of The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in New York and a member of The International Academy of Television and Radio in Russia since December 2002.

He holds a Ph.D. in Management from the University of Teesside in England. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tehran Sharif University of Technology and a Master's degree in Management

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