

**Graham Walshe**

**Executive Chairman, Brother International (NZ) Limited  
Group Leader Marketing, Asia Pacific/Middle East/Africa**

Graham joined Brother Distributors Limited in 1981 as Marketing Manager, before becoming Managing Director in June 1982. This was followed by an appointment to Chairman of the Board in 1985.

In 1991 the company was sold to Brother Industries Limited Japan, with Graham continuing as Executive Chairman since that time. In December 2002 he was presented with The Executive Award (for Excellence in Management Skills) from the President of Brother Industries Limited, Japan. This is the top Executive Award for all Brother worldwide companies.

In addition to his New Zealand role, Graham has been the Group Leader for Marketing in Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa working across 14 Brother Companies from South Korea to South Africa.

In 2008 Graham was appointed Deputy Chairman of the Pacific Cooperation Foundation, a registered charitable trust which works to increase cooperation between New Zealand and our Pacific neighbours. This significant Charitable Trust is based on a genuine partnership between all sectors of New Zealand society engaged in the Pacific – government, business, Pacific community groups and education. Graham stepped down from this rewarding role in 2014.

Graham has trained in both New Zealand and the USA and is an international speaker on business issues and is a Fellow of the NZ Institute of Management.