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For the past four years, Jürgen has been Managing Director of Private Education Organizations in Singapore. The private schools have experienced exponential growth and high levels of student satisfaction under his leadership. Previously, Jürgen held the concurrent positions of Senior Consultant and Training Manager with a business consultancy in Singapore, and he was the Regional Research and Programme Manager of a German think-tank in Singapore.

A strong believer in lifelong learning, Jürgen has studied a wide range of subjects, including Business Administration, Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy, Musicology, and Social Work. He has studied at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (Germany), King's College, Aberdeen (UK), the National University of Singapore, and the University of Louisville, Kentucky (USA). He holds MA, MBA (with distinction) and PhD (summa cum laude) degrees.

Jürgen has conducted numerous seminars and training workshops in Asia and Europe. He has previously held full-time lecturing and research positions at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany, and at a German foundation in Singapore. He has conducted postgraduate seminars for Paris Graduate Management School, Entrepreneurship Institute Australia and other tertiary institutions.

He has published a book on the social history of the Babas in Singapore, co-edited two books on the Asian crisis, and written numerous journal articles on a wide range of topics. His current main areas of interest are Entrepreneurship, Franchising and Education.

Jürgen has been interviewed in the local print and television media, such as Mediacorp, *The Straits Times*, and *Today*. He has been selected as one of top Singapore entrepreneurs in 2005 by *The Spirit of Enterprise* and was given the award by the President of Singapore, SR Nathan.