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President

Boeing Australia & South Pacific



Ian Thomas was named President of Boeing Australia & South Pacific in March 2009. As the senior Boeing executive in the region he is responsible for coordinating all Boeing activities and leads the Company's government affairs efforts. Previously, Thomas was president of Boeing India, having been appointed to that position in January 2007. Thomas reports to Shep Hill, president of Boeing International.

Prior to his India assignment, Thomas served as vice president, Europe, for Boeing's Integrated Defense Systems. He was the senior director for the region and led all efforts to secure new business.

From 2002 to 2005, Thomas served as vice president, Business Development, leading Boeing's defence activities in the United Kingdom. Previously, he served as director of International Policy for Boeing's Military Aircraft and Missile Systems division in St. Louis, Missouri. Thomas joined The Boeing Company in 2001.

From 1997 to 2001, Thomas served in a variety of staff and policy roles in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

Prior to those assignments, he was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge and, for a brief period, with the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Gurkha Rifles, in Brunei, Borneo. In the late 1980s, Thomas was a member of the Naval Forces and Arms Control Study Group at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) in Stockholm, Sweden.

Thomas is an authority on U.S.-allied security relations in NATO-Europe and on the security policies and programs of the United States and its key allies in Europe and Asia. He has written extensively on the post-Cold War transformation of the United States military. His publications include: *The Promise of Alliance: NATO and the Political Imagination*.

Thomas is a recipient of the Exceptional Public Service Medal, awarded by the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense. During his time in the UK, Thomas served on the Executive Council of the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) and on the Aerospace Advisory Board at the University of Cranfield. He is a Companion of the Royal Aeronautical Society. In 2004, Thomas was named a Young Leader by the French-American Foundation. During his time in India, he served on the board of the US-India Business Council (USIBC) and the US-India Educational Foundation (USIEF).

In Australia, he serves as Chairman of the Prime Minister's Manufacturing Leaders Group and President of the American Chamber of Commerce. He recently has been appointed to serve as part of the B-20 business advisory panel in support of Australia's role in the G-20.

Thomas holds an M.Phil. in international relations and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Cambridge, a graduate degree in social sciences from the University of Stockholm, and a bachelor's degree (*cum laude*) in history from Amherst College. He studied art history and Italian at Syracuse University, in Florence, Italy. He is a member of the Special Forces Club in London.

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