



**Mr. Amit Dasgupta**  
**Consul General of India, Sydney**

Year of Joining the Indian Foreign Service:  
1979

Education: B. Com at St Xavier's College, Kolkata (1973); M.A. (1976) and M.Phil (1978) at Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and two-year attachment (1980-82)

with the Department of Sociology in the University of McGill, Montreal.

Educational Awards: National Merit Scholarship (1976-79) and the Commonwealth Scholarship (1980-82).

Previous Appointments: Served in various capacities in New Delhi and abroad (in Cairo as Third Secretary, in Brussels as First Secretary, in Kathmandu as Director Economic and head of the office of the Secretary General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, and in Berlin as Deputy Chief of Mission); headed the Public Diplomacy division in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi prior to assuming charge as the Consul General of India, Sydney, on February 23, 2009.

Publications : Edited a number of books, which includes three books on India titled *The Divine Peacock* (Wiley), *The Perennial Tree* (Wiley) and *Telling Tales* (Wiley); other edited books include *Salvaging the WTO: Doha and Beyond* (Konark), *SAARC Means Business* (FICCI) and *Strategic Shape of the World* (Sage). His first fiction title *In the Land of the Blue Jasmine* (Star) has gone into its second edition and has been translated into the Hindi language. His book (2009) titled *Indian by Choice* (Wisdom Tree) is a story of contemporary India through a unique combination of graphic illustrations and text. His most recent publication (2010) is an edited book titled *India for a Billion Reasons* (Wisdom Tree). He has been editor of *Indian Horizons* and of *India Perspectives* brought out by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations and the Ministry of External Affairs respectively; published in various newspapers and journals on subjects related to WTO, globalization and development.

Interests include chess, cricket and cooking.

Marital Status: Married; wife (Deepa) is from the Indian Revenue Service and is presently posted as Commissioner in Kolkata, India. Their daughter, Diya, is studying at the College of Fine Arts in UNSW, Sydney.