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**HAGGAI INSTITUTE AUSTRALIA APPOINTS JOHN
GAGLIARDI AS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT ...**

John Gagliardi, businessman, author and founder of the influential Australian Christian Lobby, is Haggai Institute Australia's new Director of Development.

The appointment was announced today by the Chairman of Haggai Institute Australia's Board of Directors, Mr Martin Kristiaman.

Mr Kristiaman said Haggai Institute Australia was delighted to have John Gagliardi on board, and was looking forward to his using his wide areas of expertise and experience to bring the ministry in Australia to a new level.

He said: "John has strong business credentials, having acted as Executive Director for a \$100M company in Asia-Pacific, while his role in the wider Christian community is well known.

"He originally founded the powerful Australian Christian Lobby, was the founding Chairman of Christian Heritage College, is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and a Fellow of Christian Heritage College. He holds four degrees including a Masters from the University of Queensland.

"John started his career as a journalist with the Brisbane Telegraph, rising to hold the positions of Chief of Staff of Channel 9 News in Brisbane, and Editor-in-Chief of the Townsville Bulletin newspaper for Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation.

"Moving into public relations and lobbying, he was a media advisor to former Prime Minister John Gorton, and was responsible for projects as diverse as Jupiters Casino on the Gold Coast and the Burdekin Dam in North Queensland.

"John has travelled widely and spoken across the world to business and Christian organizations, and presented addresses in the Russian Parliament, Great Hall of the People in Beijing, the Senior Cadres in Training School in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and to the National Prayer Gathering in the Australian Parliament's Great Hall."

John Gagliardi said he was "excited and challenged" by his new role with Haggai Institute Australia.

He said: "As both a Christian and a businessman, I have always greatly admired the Haggai Institute model of exponential evangelism, and have been a supporter personally for many years both in Australia and in South-East Asia.

"What Haggai Institute does is to take seasoned, credentialed and highly effective leaders from all walks of life in developing countries – mostly from the marketplace - and train them in 21st century, cutting edge evangelism.

"The leaders go back to their own countries fired up and focused, and commit to train in turn at least 100 others – this is exponential multiplication! What a businessman like me would

call ‘bang for your buck’ – waves of positive influence radiating outwards like a pebble dropped in a pond.”

Over some 40 years, Haggai Institute has trained 96,000 leaders from 187 countries, with a waiting list right now of more than 8000.

Some leaders who have passed through the Haggai Institute program include:

- ***Chief Justice Reynato Serrano Puno, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines (2006-2010)***
- ***Archbishop Peter Akinola, Anglican Primate of Nigeria (2000-2010)***
- ***Dato Dr Chua Jui Meng, Minister of Health in Malaysia (1990-2004)***
- ***Justice Lai Kew Chai, Justice of the Supreme Court of Singapore (1981-2006)***
- ***Mr Samuel Abel, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2007-2010) and Deputy Prime Minister (2010-2011) of Papua New Guinea***
- ***Pope Tawadros II, head of the Global Coptic Orthodox Church***
- ***Brig. Gen. Godfrey Miyanda, former Vice President of Zambia (1993-1997)***
- ***Fr Anthony D’Souza SJ, founder of the Xavier Institute of Leadership, Mumbai, India***
- ***Julia Sebutinde, a Ugandan jurist currently serving as a judge on the International Court of Justice and the first African woman to sit on the World Court***
- ***Mr P. K. D. Lee, former head of Indian Railways (with 1.3M employees and 23M passengers per day), and former GM of the Calcutta Mint.***

Haggai Institute equips proven local leaders with culturally adaptable tools to transform their worlds for Christ - millions now in areas of the world largely untouched by traditional mission outreaches.

“Captains of industry, top professionals in medicine, law and education, community and political movers and shakers, church leaders from Kampala to Beijing ... millions of dedicated and inspired catalytic world-changers bringing their communities and even their nations to Christ,” he said.

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