

Dr. V. Setty Pendakur Biography

Professor V. Setty Pendakur, Professor Emeritus at the University of British Columbia, is an alumnus of the University of Washington, receiving his Ph.D. in Transportation Engineering and Public Policy in 1964. He has served in the private sector as well as the public sector and taught Transportation Planning and Public Policy at the University of British Columbia for 31 years. Then he started his new life as President of Pacific Policy and Planning Associates, a boutique firm specializing in policy development in developing countries, more particularly in Asia.

He has worked previously as a Special Assistant to the Minister of Transport (Canada), served as City Councilor and Deputy Mayor of the City of Vancouver, and Director of Metro Vancouver (Regional Government). He has also served on several boards (public service and non-profit) including the British Columbia Transit Authority, British Columbia Public-Private Transit Council, Greater Vancouver Neighborhood Services Association, Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, United Way of Greater Vancouver, Vancouver Justice Council, Vancouver Public Library and the Vancouver Foundation. He is currently the President of the Indo-Canadian Foundation.

Professor Pendakur is an active participant in professional organizations and has served on many committees of the Transportation Research Board. He is the Founding Chair of TRB Committee on Transportation in the Developing Countries and its current Secretary. He has published more than 100 papers in refereed journals over his academic career.

Dr. Pendakur has been a Visiting Professor of more than 20 universities around the globe, including Asian Institute of Technology (Bangkok), Beijing University, Beijing University of Technology, Harvard University, Indian Institute of Management (Bangalore), Indian Institute of Technology (Chennai and Delhi), Saga University, Tsukuba University, University of California, University of London, Universite' de Paris, University of Tokyo and Tsinghua University.

He is currently an Honorary Professor at China National Academy of Sciences (Graduate School of Management and the Graduate School of Engineering).

Dr. Pendakur is a Senior Counselor to the State Council of the PRC and to the Government of Singapore. His advisory work focuses on infrastructure and urban policy, national strategies for economic development, which includes sustainable policies for environment and human development.