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Nexus Commonwealth Outstanding Contribution

WINNER: **MR DEREK INGRAM**

PRESENTED BY: His Excellency Professor Kwaku Danso-Boafo
High Commissioner of Ghana to the United Kingdom

CITATION: Derek has enjoyed a long association with the Commonwealth, and is the only person to have attended every Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting since the first in Singapore, in 1971. He is a co-founder of the Commonwealth Journalists Association in 1978, served as its President between 1980 and 1990, and is now President Emeritus.

He has served on several Commonwealth committees and supports Commonwealth organisations such as the Commonwealth Press Union and Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative. He is a member of the Round Table Moot, having attended the first meeting of the Moot in 1971. He is also a Vice President of the Royal Commonwealth Society.

Before his formal engagement with the Commonwealth Derek was Deputy Editor of the Daily Mail for 3 years until 1967, when he established the Gemini News Service - which reported stories from around the Commonwealth - which he edited until 1993.

He is the author of 5 books about the Commonwealth.

No other individual has done so much to communicate the Commonwealth to the world, and to mentor other Commonwealth communicators, and if that wasn't enough

Derek is also responsible for the famous 'hedgehog'
Commonwealth logo.