

Sharanjit Leyl

Singaporean Producer and Presenter for BBC World News

Sharanjit Leyl regularly anchors Asia Business Report and Newsday from the BBC's Singapore studio. She is also a reporter and producer on these shows along with World Business Report. She has filed reports for radio on the BBC World Service business and arts programmes and written features for BBC news online.

Sharanjit began her broadcasting career at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in 1997. While there she reported for the award-winning show The Pacific Rim Report. While in Canada, she covered the protests and subsequent police brutality against students who were pepper-sprayed at the APEC summit that took place there in 1997.

She returned to Singapore in 1998 to file reports on the Asian financial crisis for CBC. She joined financial news service provider Bridge Information Systems where she wrote for its newswires on foreign exchange movements in the aftermath of the crisis. She also provided daily television and radio updates on currencies and equity movements in South East Asia.

She was approached by Bloomberg Television in 2000 and moved to its headquarters in Tokyo. There she presented its main three-hour newscast On The Money Asia, reporting on breaking financial stories as well as major news events such as the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003.

She also anchored a weekly lifestyle and culture segment from Asia. As one of the first main anchors for Bloomberg's Asia Pacific headquarters, she played an integral role in editing and influencing the content of its programming.

Sharanjit joined BBC World News in September 2003 and has since reported and presented from places as far afield as Pakistan, Tokyo, and London.

Her noteworthy interviews include heads of state ranging from Thailand, Pakistan, the Philippines, New Zealand, and East Timor, former prime ministers of Australia, Malaysia and Singapore, presidents of the World Bank and the IMF, and chief executives and chairpersons from various Fortune 500 companies ranging from Microsoft to Walmart.

Born in Singapore, Sharanjit moved to Washington DC in her teens with her family, where her father was a diplomat. There she earned a degree in both journalism and English literature from The University of Maryland - College Park. She then moved to Vancouver, Canada where she completed a Masters degree in English literature at the University of British Columbia which focused on post-colonial writers such as Salman Rushdie.