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Robert Smith holds a PhD from the University of Sydney, in Australia. He is an institutional and capacity development specialist and government adviser in road infrastructure for developing countries. He has undertaken assignments in Cambodia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor Leste. His particular passion is passing his knowledge on to the new generation of engineers in developing economies. This requires using his ability to work in a cross-cultural environment.

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