

# Garry Kasparov

## *Master chess player and international strategist*

Garry Kasparov has been the highest-rated chess player in the world for over twenty years and is widely considered the greatest chess player that ever lived.

As a master of strategy, today he applies the insights and unique perspective from his extraordinary chess career to the issues of leadership, logical thinking, strategy, and success to the speakers circuit and Russian politics.

Known as an extremely intuitive chess player, Kasparov also emphasizes intuition's role in achieving one's full potential as an individual and achieving superior performance as the leader of a group or organization. His battles with the super computer "Deep Blue" were worldwide, headline news and he has been at the forefront of innovation in chess for over twenty years. He has been at the cutting-edge of research and the battles between humans and computers from as far back as 1989.

Garry's global reach is fed by a steady stream of keynote speaking engagements around the world. His speech topics vary from country to country, but he is never far from what he knows best - strategy and logical thinking. He takes his listeners into the world of calculus, deep thought, the analytical mind, and what constitutes intelligence without reducing the answer to plain black and white. More importantly, Kasparov speeches are customized for every corporation or language group to include local facts and items of interest.

Garry Kasparov is the founder and inspiration behind the Kasparov Chess Foundation, whose mission is to introduce chess into the educational system worldwide. He is a regular contributor to the editorial page of the Wall Street Journal and most recently Volume V (Karpov), of his best-selling series of books *My Great Predecessors* was released. Over 100,000 hardcover copies of the series in several languages have been sold - a record for chess. In 2007 his first mainstream book *How Life Imitates Chess* was released. On Friday, 11th March, 2005 Kasparov announced his retirement from competitive chess after twenty years as the Number One Ranked Player in the World. He remains the highest-rated player in the history of chess and the only icon in a game of over 100 million players.

In December 2004, Garry Kasparov was elected Co-Chairman of the All Russia Civil Congress and in May of 2006 he became Chairman of the United Civil Front of Russia.



### ***Garry Kasparov talks about:***

Forceful, compelling and knowledgeable are words used to describe a speech by Garry Kasparov. Speaking in English he is the new experience on the speaker's circuit. Garry tailors his keynote presentations to meet audience needs, with topics that range from Strategy, Tactics and Logical Thinking to Politics.

His engagements are worldwide and year-round and the average duration is 45 minutes. Unlike some speakers, he derives enjoyment from the Q&A session which can last up to half an hour.

Most of Garry's speeches are booked by large multi-national corporations and financial institutions and he is very often the only speaker.

### **Garry Kasparov's topics include:**

Strategy and tactics; Achieving your potential; Strategy and competition; Logical thinking; Strategy - the big picture; Limit of endurance; Leaders vs managers; Success is in the mind; How the computer changes the game of chess forever; From man to machine; Making use of strategic thinking in business & politics; Strategy for decoding the complexity of life; All you have to do is find the courage to make up your mind.

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