



Mr Abdul Ahad

Place of Residence: **Milton Keynes**
Sector: **Catering**

Mr Abdul Ahad is a British Bangladeshi who has been working in the catering industry for nearly thirty years, and it is fair to say that he has been more than successful.

His first restaurant was opened in Milton Keynes in 1980 and since then, his catering empire has grown stronger and stronger. From the moment Mr Ahad entered the catering trade, he saw a vision to create an ultimate shrine to Indian food. In 1998, his plans began to take shape, and finally in early 2002, the dream became reality.

As the owner of the famous, Jaipur Restaurant in Milton Keynes, Mr Ahad is the man behind the largest purpose built Indian restaurant in Europe.

The Jaipur Restaurant itself is an architectural landmark building of great beauty, and one that Mr Ahad refers to as his own 'mini Taj Mahal'. The food and the service inside is equally impressive, having won practically every available award to Indian cuisine.

Although initially Jaipur was solely an Indian Restaurant, it now houses a Thai restaurant, the Orchid Lounge, on the first floor.

For all his success as a restaura-

teur, Mr Ahad is equally as successful in other fields –one of which is fundraising for charities. Two of Mr Ahad's favourite causes are 'the Jaipur Limb Project' of the Rotary International and Save the Children charity.

The 'Jaipur Limb Project' set up in Jaipur, India, is engaged in manufacturing prosthetic limbs for children and adults who have lost their limbs due to disease or accidents. The provision of a new limb gives them a life changing experience enabling them to a full life in many different ways. Mr Ahad is a major supporter and contributor to the project during the last twelve years, raising over £30,000 through the Annual Charity Dinner.

The Ousedale School branch of the Save the Children fund engages in a variety of fundraising activities. For last 19 years, the Annual Gala Dinner at the Jaipur is one of the highlights of the fundraising calendar and gives everyone a chance to participate either by donating for the raffle draw or by attending the dinner. As recognition of his services, Mr Ahad was made the Honorary President of the Ousedale School branch of the Charity.

Mr Ahad is also a high profile and integral member of Britian's Bangladeshi community and has supported the development of schools, mosques, madrassas and other charity projects in his parental village in Sylhet.