



Mr Foyso Hussain Choudhury MBE

Place of Residence: **Scotland**

Sector: **Community Relations**

Foyso Hussain Choudhury MBE is well known for his famous and prestigious Bangladeshi restaurant in the Capital of Scotland; Edinburgh called the Verandah which has in many years picked up numerous awards.

Mr Choudhury is one of Edinburgh's youngest and distinguished entrepreneurs with also being an established community worker. Mr Choudhury is enormously involved in the area of Race Relations and voluntary work which involves making a big impact on Black Minority Ethnic Groups (BME) for people living and working in Scotland.

He was awarded an MBE by the Queen in her New Years Honours List in 2004 for his valuable contributions to Race Relations. Adding to his long line of famous achievements Mr Choudhury is one of the founder directors of Edinburgh Mela Ltd, Vice chair of Edinburgh &

Lothian Racial Equality Council, President of the Guild of Bangladeshi Restaurateurs in Scotland, joint general secretary of Zukta – Razya Nabigonj Education Trust UK, Life member of Diamuddin Ethemkhana (Orphanage) and Hafizia Madrasha, general secretary of the Bangladesh Welfare Council Scotland, Youth Secretary of the Commonwealth Society Edinburgh, organising Secretary of Council of Bangladeshis in Scotland, Organising secretary of the Bangladesh Awami League Scotland, an Executive Member of the Bangladesh Samity Edinburgh, a member of Lothian & Borders Police Liaison Group, Chairman of the Youth Forum, one of the founder members of the Dine Bangladeshi Campaign. He is the director of award winning Edinburgh restaurant, Britannia Spice.

Mr Choudhury elected as a general secretary for Bangladesh Samity Edinburgh, Coordinator of

the Bangladesh Cyclone Sidr appeal in Scotland. In addition, he is also responsible for fund raising to help local charities such as St Colombo's Hospice, Leukaemia and Cancer appeal, Sick Kids appeal, Heart Foundation, Indian Earthquake appeal and the Tsunami Appeal.

His contributions to the community has not gone unnoticed when he recently has been acknowledged by UK based Television Channel 5 which awarded him with the Community Award 2006.

Mr Choudhury is a keen snooker and badminton player and has won many trophies. He is the Captain of the local Bangladeshi football team and is a massive fan of Heart of Midlothian FC and Manchester United Football Club.

He is proud of one son and one daughter living in Edinburgh with his family.