



## Mr Shahid-Ullah Khan

Place of Residence: **Leicester**  
Sector: **Business**

Mr Shahid-Ullah Khan was born in the small village of Noakhali in Bangladesh, an area he simply yet lovingly refers to as 'the land of rivers'. He moved to England in 1975 and since then has left an impressive mark on the British Bangladeshi community.

When Mr Khan first moved to the UK, he noted that the restaurant trade was one that was booming, and he was quick to move into this particular market. In 1982, he opened a restaurant in his new home of Leicester. The restaurant, called Ashoka, has been such a success that it improves year on year, and is known as one of the best in the UK.

However, running a restaurant appears to be more of a side-project for Mr Khan. His real passion

seems to revolve around the community.

Since 1978, he has been a member of the Labour party and in the past has helped to raise funds for the Lord Mayor Appeal in Leicester. These two interests only make up a small part of the significant role that Mr Khan plays for many organisations. He has also done work for Bangladesh Jubo Shongo, the Bangladesh Youth and Cultural Shomiti, the Greater Noakhali Association UK, the Durrus Salam Mosque and the East Midlands Bangladeshi Development Association to name but a few.

Another impressive aspect of Mr Khan's philanthropic nature is that, aside from helping his own community, he is also prepared to help

those communities of which he does not belong. For example, in 2006, he held a number of charity meals in his restaurant to help support fundraising for victims of the tsunami in Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

However, it is also important to note Mr Khan's extensive work with the communities of Leicester. He claims that the strong community spirit in Leicester reminds him of life in Noakhali, and this is why he has such an affinity with his neighbourhood.

Aside from his work, Shahid-Ullah Khan is a proud family man. He is married and has three children – two daughters and a son. According to Mr Khan, it is his family, and more specifically his wife, who has given him the inspiration to be the man that he is today.