



Mr. Arju Miah MBE

Place of Residence: **Wiltshire**
Sector: **Catering**

Mr. Miah was born in Bangladesh but decided to move to the UK where he started start to work in the restaurant business. He went into this with the intention to provide the finest for all his customers and to have the most outstanding restaurant. To achieve this, he made sure all his staff got regular training to ensure that they are well equipped to work and understand all the health and safety regulations which are to be followed. While providing the highest of standards for his customers, he also made sure that the setting and arrangement of his restaurant creates a relaxing atmosphere.

Such devotion and hard work to satisfy customers and achieve to the best of his ability, has not gone unrecognized, as Mr. Arju Miah has received many awards throughout the years. A few to name are; the British Curry Award 2006 and 2007, Master Chef Role of Honour 1999-2000, Silver Award from the Gourmet Wining and Dining Guide 1992 and the British Bangladesh Business Link Award 2007 for the Best 50 Restaurant within the UK.

Mr. Arju Miah further involves himself with many voluntary jobs;

which had led him to receive the MBE from the Queen for all his hard work in 2003. In addition, on the 24th July 2004 on behalf of the British Muslims Honours Award 2004, in the House of Lords form the RT. Hon Lord Goldsmith, Attorney General and Lord Ahmed of Rotherham. He was the first Asian President in 80 years for Chippenham and District Chambers of Commerce and Industry, vice president for 2 years and the treasurer for 8 years for the Bangladesh Association Swindon, Coordinator of many educational trips aboard and in the UK, he is also the Founder Trustee and treasurer of the Hazrat Shajal Mosque in Swindon, he is the Founder member and Vice Chairman of the Jagonathpur British-Bangla Education Trust, and furthermore the Board of directors and former UK Chairman for the BFA, also member of the British Bangla Chamber of Commerce BBCC as well as Chairman of the greater Dawrai Community Association UK and so the list goes on. In addition to that he is the managing director of the Taj Mahal and the member of Federation of small business (FSB) in North Wiltshire since 1984. He is the founder member

and the Board of directors and former Chairman of the UK for the BFA.

Helping out the community and giving to charity is something close to Mr. Miah's heart. He has partaken in raising funds for many events such as the Relief Collection for Bangladesh Flood Disaster appeal which consisted of the involvement of local Counselors and MP's. On top of that he has fundraised for Cancer Research for Wessex Children Hospice and many orphanages in Bangladesh. He is the Coordinator for the SIDR Cyclone Bangladesh Appeal and another serious disaster affecting Asian countries was the Tsunami which he volunteered to help collect items of clothing to send to the people in need, and has recently been raising funds for the Bangladesh Female Academy; a free school for the girls from the underprivileged areas of Bangladesh, the academy was opened at 2006- the Chief guest was the country directors of DFID Bangladesh Mr. David Wood.

Mr. Arju Miah is married with five children, and due to their support he is in this position today.