



Mr Alhaj Mohammed Rais Miah

Place of Residence: **Walsall**
Sector: **Catering and Property**

Mr Alhaj Mohammed Rais Miah is successful businessman and is the current Assistant Secretary of the Birmingham Press Club. In 2008, Mr Miah was recognised for his involvement in Business & Community at the British Bangladeshi League awards ceremony. Born in Bangladesh, Mr Miah arrived in the UK in 1969 aged fourteen.

Mr Miah completed his high school education in the UK and continued on to further education and gained a Diploma in Business and Accounting. Whilst completing his studies, Mr Miah worked part time as a waiter and gained valuable skills and knowledge of the industry. This helped Mr Miah to open his first establishment in 1978 in Brierley Hill called the Rose of Bengal which was an instant success and consequently opened the Tandoori Mahal in Stafford. Mr Miah recognised the demand in the market for Indian Food at the time which later led to twenty two more restaurants in the UK.

During the eighties there was an influx of young unskilled Bangladeshis arriving in the UK who only had the option to work in a factory or restaurant. Mr Miah recognised their potential and had the privilege of training many of these young men, some later went on to become business partners or buyers. Mr Miah is still involved in the restaurant industry; however,



the property industry is also high on Mr Miah's agenda. In recent years, Mr Miah has also been an active member of the Bangladeshi community in the midlands area helping with the Bangladesh youth organisation where he served as Secretary.

Through his successful restaurant chain Mr Miah is regularly raising money for victims of natural disasters like the Pakistan earthquake, Tsunami and the Bangladesh cyclone. Mr Miah also raises money for other causes such as Chernobyl's Children, International Eye Saver and Children in Need. Mr Miah is also an advisor for the

Bangladeshi Progressive Society and is also serving as Treasurer for the Staffordshire and Black Country Guild of Bangladeshi Restaurateurs. In addition, Mr Miah is also serving as the current Chairman of Masjid-E-Usman and in Bangladesh he is the Vice Chairman of KGDS High School in Balagonj, Sylhet.

Mr Alhaj Mohammed Rais Miah is married and has been blessed with six sons and three daughters who are all in employment and full time education. Through his life, Mr Miah has demonstrated hard work and the willingness to help other are good recipes to success.