



Mr Aziz-ur Rahman

Place of Residence: **Oxford**
Sector: **Catering**

Born in Mirpur, Sylhet, Bangladesh in 1958, Aziz-ur Rahman moved with parents to Oxford in 1969. Since 1978 he has opened several restaurants and take-away establishments in Oxford and around Oxfordshire. He opened his first restaurant at the age of twenty, called the 'Star of Asia' in Oxfordshire and this venture was an instant success. He has gained a reputation for excellence in all his establishments. The Aziz restaurants have gained national and international recognition as one of the best in the country and have won awards, on a regular basis, for excellence over the years.

His portfolio of restaurants past and present include the 'Bilash Restaurant' opened in 1984 in Botley, Oxford, as well as the 'Polash' opened in 1988. He then opened the 'Aziz' Restaurant in 1990 and Aziz Burford as well as the Aziz waterside then 'Aziz Witney', 'Aziz Pandesia' followed in quick succession in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2006 respectively. In

1997 he established the 'Khajana'. Mr Rahman is the Director of Oxfordshire Business Enterprise, Oxford Brookes University Court member. Founder Trustee of the Jagannath Pur Education Trust, Member of the Jagannath Pur Probashi (UK) Kollayan Trust; providing mobile medical units in Bangladesh, Trustee of Learn Foundation, an organization promoting IT education in Bangladesh and a Trustee of the Bangladesh Female Academy (UK), a Trustee and Chairman of the management committee Iqra School, Oxford. He is also Member and advisor to the Oxfordshire Bangladeshi Association, Executive Member of the Bangladeshi Mosque and Education Centre, Cowley, Oxford, as well as Director of the English Language Learning Institute (ELLI), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Mr Aziz-ur Rahman is currently occupying the prestigious position of Director General (Second term) for the Bangladesh British Chamber of Commerce. Additionally he was the Chairman

of the Dine Bangladeshi Campaign, and first Chairman of the Guild of Bangladeshi Restaurateurs. He was the Chairman of Greater Sylhet Association UK for South East region.

Furthermore Mr Rahman remains involved in charitable causes and is associated with Oxfam over seventeen years and is particularly interested in relief projects to Bangladesh. He is also actively involved in providing support for local schools, community projects and other local charitable organizations and projects.

Mr Rahman's interests include, travelling, sports, especially football and cricket. He is also a supporter of issues relating to the local area, whether it is charitable, social or economic. He is a family man, married with four sons, one daughter and a grandson. He ensures that he remains connected with origins and roots of his own culture, religion and history.