



Mr. Abdul Shahid

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Accounting**

Abdul Shahid is an accountant by profession, practicing in his own firm M M S Associates. Working as a Practice Manager in an Accountant & Auditors firm in East London, he climbed his career ladder along running the office, supervising staff members, dealing and maintaining overall client's concerns, often providing support and training to students from various centres aiming to learn and gain experience.

Shahid stands out in his field as a strict and honest professional. However as it is said, a strict man has also some shortfalls. Shahid is no different. He would be the first one to wash hand at the dining table. He eats little. Yet this man's flare for authentic Bangladeshi food is second to none.

His creative intake of Bangladeshi food has created Gram Bangla that's now a household name in the Bangladeshi community. We're talking about the owner and the drive behind the rise of Gram Bangla restaurant. Everyday hundreds of punters pour in to Brick Lane to relish the flavour of spice. But we the goldsmiths of British

Curry Industry know where the pure taste of our food is found. Here we can all walk under the same cloud and that leads to Gram Bangla.

However, now it seems even we have to move quickly to reserve our place. It's no longer a Bengali only tasty dining hub. The word is quickly spreading far to the South Asians and African communities. And more and more of them now pull the chairs at Gram Bangla.

Bangladeshi caterers have changed the eating habits of Britons. The Brit-Bangladeshi gastronomy is now arguably a rich part of British culture itself. Without the Curry it is hard to imagine British life anymore. However, there are very few caterers like Abdul Shahid whose food in fact conjures up appetite for the flavour of our own mouth-watering dishes within the community. In this sense he is a pioneering restaurateur nourishing pure Bangladeshi taste.

We can't complain, definitely not if you are in Shahid's shoes he is a well-healed person who always endeavours for the positive per-

spective in life. In fact this is him well put in his word: "I have never been one to close my mind from learning, always want to broaden my horizon to assist me in my life".

"My motive behind creating Gram Bangla was to quench my enduring thirst for my own mother tongue. It was too see fellow Bangladeshi folks enjoying the pure taste of our food and also speaking in our own beautiful Bangla language. I have done it. I have seen the fruits of my hard work."

A proud father of four daughters Shahnaz, Khaleda, Fareedah and Yasmin, Abdul Shahid picked up his MBA degree in 2007. He Shares most of his spare time with the family-going out together, reading, watching television (in particular, current and business affairs) tuning to music are a common routine. Living in East London for Shahid when all is well done and comes the time to give credit, as it is said there is a woman behind every successful man. And in Shahid's case too is his beloved and devoted wife Raihana.