



Mr Mohammed Abu Taher MBE

Place of Residence: **Leicester**

Sector: **Community Relations**

Mr Md Abu Taher MBE son of Late Md Jamshed Miah, a Bangladeshi born migrated to Britain in 1978 and settled in Birmingham with parents, Md Abu Taher MBE (Taher to friends and colleagues) left Birmingham in 1993. His vision was to introduce 'Balti' to the people of Leicester. He wanted to provide good quality food in pleasant surroundings at a reasonable price.

Ever since his childhood, Mr Taher had deep empathy for the people around him, his parents always encouraged and inspired him to do charitable work and to help others. As a testament to his upbringing, he has been involved with many voluntary organisations. His motivation has always been around improving the quality of life for people in his community and helping those who are less fortunate. In 1993, with the combination of a

successful first year of trading and a commitment to help others, Taher held his first charity dinner in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal. It was such a success that charity meals have happened at his T & K Balti House every year since. There have been fifteen charity dinners in aid of the Lord Mayor's appeal. But that's not all, Mr Taher has also held many other charity dinners to raise fund for Bangladesh Orphans, Bangladesh flood Appeal, the Tsunami for south Asia and other emergencies and natural disasters abroad.

His active participation in the British politics has built a strong bridge between the Bangladeshi community and the Conservative Party in Leicester. He has dedicated time to serve the community including assisting the less able with Benefits and Immigration issues. He is still instrumental in

establishing a number of Bangladeshi organisations in the UK and abroad. His commitments to the community both geographically and ethnically are without question.

In recognition of the services and contribution he made towards the local community. He has been honoured with an MBE. His Royal Highness Prince of Wales honoured the award to him on 3rd December 2003 at Buckingham Palace.

He is currently serving as the president of the Bangladesh Development Trust UK, president G L R Traders association, as well as serving concurrently with other positions of responsibility in other organisations. He is still working tirelessly to improve the local economy and the social welfare of the community.