



Dr Wali Tasar Uddin, MBE, JP

Place of Residence: **Edinburgh**

Sector: **Business/Community Relations**

Dr Wali Tasar Uddin is the current Honorary Consul-General of Bangladesh in Scotland. Dr Uddin in 1995 was also made a Member of the British Empire for his services to race relations. Born in 1952 in Moulvibazzar, Bangladesh, Dr Uddin was educated in Bangladesh before coming to the UK in 1967.

Having spent nine years in London gaining experience working in the catering industry, Dr Uddin moved to Edinburgh in 1976, where he set up his award winning chain of restaurants as well as completing his Doctorate in Business Administration from Queen Margaret University College in 2000. The Verandah, Lancers and Britannia Spice are commonly known restaurants all throughout the country. Notably, Britannia Spice, which has won many leading Industry awards such as being recognised as the best curry house in all of Scotland by both BIBA & recently at the Scottish Curry Awards, and three times won the British Curry Awards which recognised by Scottish Parliament and first minister.

As a prominent Business man in the region, Dr Uddin has received

numerous awards which including the Asian Jewel Lifetime Achievement Award and BIBA's Industry Personality of the Year Award in 2006 for his contribution to the restaurant sector. In 2007 Dr Uddin also received an honorary Doctorate from Napier University and Heriot-Watt University respectively. Dr Uddin is also the Director of the Edinburgh and Leith Chambers of Commerce and in 1992 the Junior Chamber voted him the Young Scot of the Year. President of the European Bangladesh Federation of Commerce & Industry (EBF)

Dr Uddin also Chair the University of East London Business School Advisory Board and Former-Chairman & Director-General of the Bangladesh-British Chamber of Commerce.

Whilst managing his chain of restaurants, Dr Uddin is also a very active member of the Bangladeshi community and a key figure dealing with race relation issues. In 1984 he was the first Bangladeshi in Scotland to be made a Justice of the Peace and chairs the Council of Bangladeshis in Scotland, Commonwealth Society of Edinburgh and the BanglaScot Foundation. Dr Uddin played a key role behind the set up

of Edinburgh's Central Mosque and the Shahjalal Mosque and Islamic Centre together with directing Edinburgh Mela and the cities Bangladeshi Samity Foundation & President of Ornate Arcade Group. On the charity front Dr Wali Tasar Uddin has raised money through his Businesses to support all of the recent south Asian natural disasters. He regularly supports Save the Children, the Great Scottish Walk and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh. For Bangladesh, Dr Uddin has helped raise hundred of thousands of pounds for numerous different projects and is the current Director and Chief Co-ordinator of Sylhet Woman's Medical College and Hospital, a Trustee of the Bangladesh Female Academy and an advisor to the Atish Dipankar University of Science & Technologies in Dhaka. Recently, he has initiated raise £100K for rehabilitation of Sidr affected people in Bangladesh.

Dr Wali Tasar Uddin is married to Syeda Akther and have been blessed with five children. Dr Uddin believes determination, dedication, honesty and integrity are all crucial elements for you to succeed in life.