



## Mr Mohammed Kamar Uddin

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Business and Community Relations**

**M**r Mohammed Kamar Uddin was born in the village of Abdullah Pur, Beanibazar in the Sylhet region of Bangladesh. His father is the late Haji Rois Ali and his mother is the late Mrs Mokisun Nessa.

Mr Uddin is one of UK's most successful Bangladeshi businessmen, politician and well known community figure. He migrated to the UK in 1964, and was one of the first Bangladeshi's to start a large-scale business venture; his first business – Romna Trimmings Embroidery – in 1974 was one of the largest Bangladeshi businesses during that era.

A family man and a well respected community figure, Mr Uddin then moved into the money transfer market, where he was one of the first to pioneer the unique service of sending and receiving money from Europe to the hard to reach parts of the sub-continent. Mr Uddin's long established money transfer business known as KS Enterprise LTD is still one of the market leading ethnic agencies for sending foreign remittances, especially to rural parts of Bangladesh. In 1984, Mr Uddin's passion for high quality Asian cuisine led him to open the Ramna Gate Restaurant, a large freehold

restaurant in London's affluent Southgate, which has achieved spectacular success since it opened. The Ramna Gate Restaurant is highly recommended by the media and press. His other successful businesses include Rahman Travels and a portfolio of properties in the UK and abroad.

Away from business life, Mr Uddin is known in the UK's Bangladeshi community as the President of the UK Bangladesh National Party. In 2007 he was short-listed to stand as the MP for Beanibazar and Gulapgonj by the Bangladesh National Party (BNP). Mr Uddin is highly regarded in the BNP and is responsible for the close links the party has with the UK. Mr Uddin is one of the party's most influential members having dedicated many years to building relations between the Bangladeshi government and the British Bangladeshi community in the UK.

As a long-standing community campaigner Mr Uddin has made numerous charitable contributions to many mosques and educational institutions in Bangladesh most notably in Beanibazar and Golapganj. Mr Uddin continues to support many ongoing funding

projects and provides poor and destitute families in Bangladesh with financial aid. He has made many contributions towards schooling support for deprived children and given financial assistance for helping to reduce poverty.

In 1992, the then Prime Minister Khaleda Zia was returning to Bangladesh from Harare, and stopped over at London Hilton. During a brief meeting with her at the time, Mr Uddin was able to convince Khaleda Zia the importance of a bridge over Kushiara river in shaola was crucial to facilitate communication for the local people. Following this he was able to raise with other community members Taka 25 lakh for Khaleda Zia's flood victims fund.

In his personal life, Mr Uddin is a dedicated family man who retains strong moral values and an ingrained sense of respect for education. His support for his children to succeed in their education has helped them to do remarkably well. His two youngest children are high achievers attending some of England's oldest and best institutions. Mr Uddin is also a grandfather and is loved by his grandchildren.