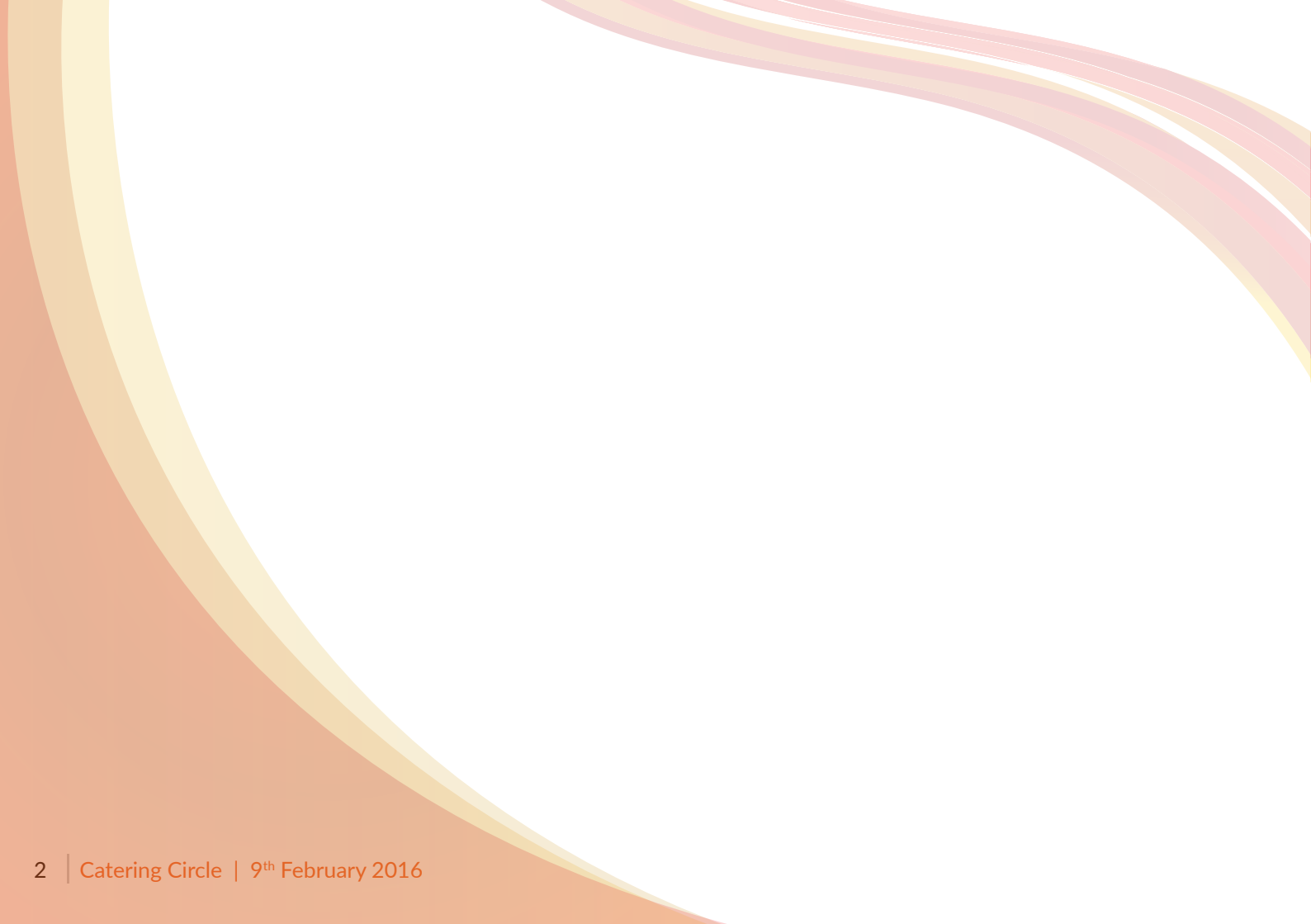




The **Grand Finale** Roadshow
Messages of **Support**

*London Business Conference
Tuesday, 9th Feb 2016
Meridian Grand London*





Cllr Parvez Ahmed

Deputy Mayor, London Borough of Brent

Thank you for the invitation to the Catering Circle Business Conference.

It is currently a very difficult time for the British Bangladeshi curry industry, and so now, more than ever, it is important that there is unity within the industry with everyone supporting each other. The Catering Circle provides a great opportunity to do this.

I have been fortunate enough to have attended one of the roadshows and was hugely impressed by the togetherness and unity. With a background in the industry myself, I would highly recommend the Catering Circle as a source of support.

I wish you all the very best for the conference.

Cllr Nawaz Ali

Birmingham City Council



I am happy to support the work that Catering Circle is doing for the Catering Industry. Our industry is worth billions of Pounds and employs thousands of people, it is experiencing major issues with recruitment of staff and VAT rates which is affecting the industry immensely. As a Councillor in Birmingham I sit on the Licensing & Public Protection committee and work with many food establishments in the city offering Health & Hygiene and public protection advice. Moreover in my other role as an accountant and a director of Masterchef Promotions I know only too well the pressures the industry is going through at the moment.

I commend the work that Catering Circle are doing in bringing organisations and individuals together and helping to tackle some of the issues. I am sure they will be successful and they have my full help and support.



Altaf Hussain

Core Team Member, Catering Circle

I am very proud to be one of the Core members of the Catering Circle, a media platform that focuses on reviving Indian restaurants. Unfortunately, the catering industry has been forced to go through many hardships over the years. Our mission is to conquer these hardships by creating solutions for all the Caterers and staff in this great trade. Our grand seminar is hosted tonight at the Meridian Grand where we will be showcasing our research from the Roadshows and plans for the future.

Helal Malik

Core Team Member, Catering Circle



I am proud to be actively involved in the Catering Circle initiative working with Channel S. What worked in the past isn't working now and we are all encountering this sentiment. The Catering Circle will provide a fresh look into business operations, legislation and regulations, industry trends, customer expectations and technology, all of which have an impact on revenue and business performance.

Investing time and effort to improve our performance and productivity will increase morale and help us develop a new skillset for the journey ahead.

Ruhul Shamsuddin

Core Team Member, Catering Circle



I am proud to be a part of a cohesive media platform provider, the Catering Circle. Through our educational tours and seminars held across major cities in Great Britain and Scotland, we hope to be there to guide our fellow restaurateurs, sharing knowledge and experiences with fellow like-minded entrepreneurs.



Forhad Hussain Tipu

Core Team Member, Catering Circle

The British people have embraced the culinary traditions of the Indian subcontinent for over 200 years now. The curry dish has become part of the nation's staple diet and one of the UK's national dishes. There are, however, some serious obstacles for the curry industry to overcome. I am very proud and excited to be a core member of the Catering Circle creating a media platform which showcases the need for improved and important changes to take place in order for the curry industry to progress onwards.

I look forward taking part in the Business Conference of the Catering Circle tonight and focusing on how we can shape our plans to build on a prosperous future.



Anwar Ahmed Murad

Core Team Member, Catering Circle

I have worked in the Indian/Bangladeshi restaurant industry for almost 30 years and am proud to be a Catering Circle Core Team member whose aims are overcoming the obstacles to make the industry great again. With quick and effective solutions being looked at I am positive that this much-loved industry will be back on its feet in no time.

I myself have suffered from the setbacks taking place today therefore it is important for me to participate in playing my role on this media platform in the collective hope to accomplish and achieve.



Abdal Ullah

Founder of BB Power & Inspiration, BBPI Foundation

I am delighted to support the great work undertaken by the Catering Circle to preserve, promote and strengthen the British Bangladeshi Catering industry.

This business has been the launch pad for many of our BBPI 100 inspirational figures in our community and I am confident it will continue to be the backbone and success of our community in years to come.

Dr Sanawar Chowdhury

RCi Global Group of Companies



Catering Circle looks to create a platform to strengthen our heritage, our pride - The Curry Industry.

RCi Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors are delighted to support the Catering Circle in this noble cause.

At RCi we support the catering industry through providing specialist advice on:

- ▶ Maximising revenue
- ▶ Minimising cost
- ▶ Effective tax planning on VAT, PAYE and Corporation Tax
- ▶ Staff employment and management
- ▶ Succession planning
- ▶ Defending tax investigation from aspect enquiries to CoP 9.

Wishing a healthy - wealthy and prosperous future.



Abdul Hoque Habib BSc (Hons) ACIEH

Managing Director – London Training Centre

I am writing to show my support for the Catering Circle. I have been involved in the catering sector for over 15 years as a training consultant. At present, the British Curry industry is passing through a critical juncture in its proud long history in the UK.

The core of any successful culinary cuisine is its workforce. Over the last four decades or so British-Bangladeshis have been successful in creating that workforce who have been delighting the British gastronomy. However, skilled workforce is the very core requirement of the industry is currently at stake and is, according to some, in a critical state. If the response to this dire state of the industry is not appropriate and seriously robust enough, then the consequences will be unimaginable. While somewhat lack national unity in the outlook, approach and activities and not broad enough to articulate the present challenges to bring about solutions. In other words, the lack of a strong united front with clear understanding of the challenges and working from one platform with one voice is apparent.

A friend in need is a friend indeed, as the saying goes. I believe the Catering Circle has emerged as a 'friend' at a critical time for this sector and I hope that all the key stakeholders will join hands together under this unifying platform with an aim to save our British Curry industry from extinction.

My best wishes with the Grand Finale London event on the 9th February 2016.

Rumel Kamaly

Director for SK Foods Limited



SK Foods has been a well-established nationwide supplier with over 20 years of experience working the length and breadth of the UK. After years of Bangladeshis successfully trading in the restaurant industry it is disappointing to see the industry struggling and as a supplier I have a duty to support it. We have recognised the growing plight of the caterers and understand that they are having to price watch and make savings on all aspects of their business whilst maintaining product and service quality.

We take pride in delivering premium quality products with the best possible price and we are working alongside the businesses as we too adapt to the changing market. With a pro-active approach to all the issues the Indian restaurants are facing we want to work with the caterers providing the best service there is.

Furthermore, in the restaurant industry, experts agree there is a real need for owners to connect with their food suppliers. Indeed our motto has always been 'Catering for the Caterer' and at S.K. Foods we promise to work closely with our customers understanding their business and financial needs in order that the industry continues to thrive and flourish.



Cedric Selvadorai

Commercial Director, Berkeley & Wharf Group

The Berkeley & Wharf Group are proud to be one of the sponsors of the Catering Circle as we believe this brings together many businesses, giving them a voice and provides a unity for the greater good of all involved. The growth of the restaurant business over the last few decades has been immense and there are numerous independent owners who need support and guidance. Many owners are facing issues in isolation with little success as to how to resolve them.

The Catering Circle is pulling together a variety of businesses to support the busy restaurant owner by providing easy access to key companies to help alleviate their strain.

At Berkeley & Wharf we are extremely pleased to be able to bring our total workplace pension to the members of the Catering Circle by offering them peace of mind in an ever changing business world and letting us “take the stress out of the workplace pension”.

Barrister Muhammad Abul Kalam

Former President, The Society of Bangladeshi Solicitors



In a climate where the curry industry is facing enormous challenges, from shortages of skilled staff to immigration issues, the Catering Circle has taken the bold initiative to address and seek out solutions under one united platform. On behalf of Kalam Solicitors, I would like to congratulate the Catering Circle for taking on such a project and wish them success as they strive to overcome the milestones and uphold the eminent reputation of curry houses across the nation.



A. Ahmed

Marketing Director, Tam World Ltd

I am delighted that the Catering Circle is going to hold their finale Business Conference in London at the Meridian Grand ahead of their TV show. I wish to express my heartiest congratulations to the Core Team members for addressing the issues we are currently facing. I also want to convey my appreciation to Channel S TV for taking on this bold initiative and working with the community to help find solutions.

I join with everyone tonight in offering my cooperation and unreserved support.



Frank Sequeira

Director Sales & Marketing, Goa Beer

I am delighted to send my best wishes to the Catering Circle for organizing this Grand Business Conference. I have been following the Catering Circle and attended some of the roadshows. This has given me an insight of the issues that are prevailing in our industry and the steps they are taking to address them. And this is the reason I would pledge my support to the Catering Circle so that together we can do better for our curry businesses and our communities.

Being part of this industry for many years, I feel that it is also my duty to help in any way that I can. With Goa Beer, I hope that we will be able to support towards the growth and betterment of our livelihood.

I wish every success to all those attending the Conference.

A Mumit Ruhel

Photographer

I am very much delighted to be a part of this glorious venture and wishing Catering Circle all the best for future. This is a wonderful initiative to address the issues and find solutions through active participation of caterers and other key stakeholders.

And surely 9th of February's Business Conference in Meridian Grand will provide us with the blue print solution to the hardships our industry currently facing.



Nashir Uddin – LLB (Hons)

Partner, Charles Simmons Immigration Solicitors



Welcome and thank you for joining the fight to maintain our precious Curry Industry. Our Curry Industry is a shining example of what the British Bangladeshi people can achieve, through sheer hard work and robust perseverance. This industry is worth billions and can also support the third generation Bangladeshis with employment opportunities and economic prosperity.

Many of us have come from a wide variety of backgrounds and walks of life yet with an unfaltering spirit we have created this industry. Whilst the Industry faces its greatest challenge, we must now come together, be forward thinking and innovative with all our knowhow to preserve this industry for future generations. I am sure everyone here tonight wants to play their part in inspiring others to work towards finding solutions and together we must continue this momentum.



Kamrul Hussain

Restaurateur

I would like to thank Catering Circle for taking this initiative. I believe the endeavour will create a national benchmark and set consistency within the industry. I have no doubt that the suggestions made by the speakers to overcome the crisis our curry houses are facing will be well taken and implemented by everyone concerned.

I wish the Conference a great success.



Sadia R Hussain JP BEM

Host, Catering Circle Essex

The Catering Circle will be an effective Media Platform that will help examine the restrictions hindering the catering industry today.

Through their hard work, dedication and commitment to the cause. I thank the Catering Circle for empowering and giving a status to all those suffering within the industry today.



Rois Ali

Host, Catering Circle Birmingham

The catering industry has progressed over number of years with Bangladeshi cuisine seeing Chicken Tikka Masala becoming one of the nation's number one dish. Many people in the industry started from humble beginnings and have worked hard and dedicated themselves to ensuring the best possible dish is served to each and every customer.

If we do not work together with all catering organisations then the Bangladeshi catering industry will inevitably diminish. I look forward to taking part in tonight and working together as a team to strengthen our weaknesses and ensure our Bangladeshi catering industry is recognised as a force to be reckoned with.

Manirul Haque

Host, Catering Circle Birmingham



I am happy to learn that the Catering Circle will be organising its 10th and final Roadshow on Tuesday 9th February 2016. I hope the conference will provide a platform to discuss issues pertaining to problems faced by the curry houses in Britain. And I hope the Society will continue to work for the welfare of the curry industry with great zeal.

On this occasion, I would like to convey my greetings to the organisers and all the participants and wish them every success in the years ahead.



Motiur Rahman Liton

Host, Catering Circle Bristol

It gives me immense pleasure to know that Catering Circle is holding their Grand Business conference in London tonight.

With participation of more than 600 caterers and business people from all over the UK it will no doubt be a memorable event as well as an important one.

It is also useful for us as caterers to see interaction between the government agencies and the British Bangladeshi community, which can help stimulate business opportunities and growth in the years to come.



Oli Khan

Host, Catering Circle Luton

It's a great pleasure to send a supporting message to the catering circle grand finale road show in London. As being a caterer and had vast experience in this field, I always welcome the initiative that supports the British curry industry. I think the CC are doing fantastic job to get everyone on one platform to find solutions for the British curry industry.

Catering Circle's nine regional successful road shows have proved that you are doing something correct, I am sure your voice will start to spread across the whole country by live TV show on Channel 5 in March 2016.

I wish CC all the very best for the future and I am sure that you will keep up the good work for the betterment of the British curry industry. Together we can make the difference.

Ana Miah

Host, Catering Circle Cardiff

I feel privileged to support and work closely with the media platform Catering Circle, which no doubt will promote unity to all levels and work in synergy with one common goal.

I believe the catering Industry must benefit from the Roadshows held across the country, from this Grand Finale Roadshow and every act the Catering Circle do.



Ruman Karim

Host, Catering Circle Portsmouth



I am thrilled to take part in tonight's Channel 5 launch event of the "Catering Circle" TV programme for the curry industry.

The Catering Circle is an excellent business platform discussing the adverse effects occurring within our industry and helping the businesses to recognise and adapt to changes in the legal, technological, staffing and management systems. I recognise the importance in adapting to changes in order to maintain the growth of our industry.

I will continuously support and offer advice to those facing difficulties.



Dr Wali Tasar Uddin

Host, Catering Circle Edinburgh

I am delighted to offer a message of support and it has been my privilege to have worked closely with the Catering Circle. I would like to congratulate the Catering Circle for taking the initiative and inviting everyone from the Catering Industry in one platform by organising events around the UK. I request all caterers to join and support the Catering Circle in this difficult time of the catering industry.

I wish all the success and continue their valuable efforts.



Foyso Choudhury MBE

Host, Catering Circle Edinburgh

It is a great honour to have been given this opportunity to express my sincere good wishes. The Catering Circle will play an important role in the struggle to protect our industry that we have to work together to overcome.

The traditional curry house is now a part of British culture and to preserve this industry the Catering Circle has my support.

Shahan Chowdhury

Host, Catering Circle Newcastle

I strongly believe that this Conference will provide an opportunity to all the Bangladeshis in Britain to come closer, and solve problems together.

This Conference will also be an occasion to build and strengthen the country's economy by providing a platform to the Bangladeshi restaurateurs.



M Ahmed

Host, Catering Circle Oldham



I am happy to learn that Catering Circle has taken this initiative to explore the reasons behind the curry crises such as unity in the industry, immigration restrictions and staff shortage.

I believe with this undertaking the catering industry as a whole will find effective solutions.



Mohammed Zubair

Chief Reporter, Channel S

I am highly honoured to be a part of this venture- Catering Circle and at the same time really proud that the initiative has been taken to bring together over 600 caterers and stakeholders.

A gathering like this is extremely powerful and together we can make a difference.



Farhan Masud Khan

Head of Programme, Channel 5

I would like to express my enormous gratitude and salute the efforts of Catering Circle for providing a stable platform to the curry industry experts to get together under the same roof and explore the solutions to save our curry industry.

I am very much proud and delighted to be a part of this great initiative on the 9th February's Catering Circle's grand finale.

Ahad Ahmed

Senior Producer, Channel 5



It is a great pleasure to be asked to work with the Catering Circle. With years of experience in the media I have seen and understand the issues they are facing such as the impact of immigration changes which is putting a strain on the industry but on the other hand there has been a positive growth as the demand for Bangladeshi Cuisine has increased and the next generation are using skills such as marketing to improve restaurant branding etc.

The Catering Circle offers opportunity to be the voice of the industry which raises issues to parliamentary level and be able to share knowledge and experiences with like-minded entrepreneurs.

After hosting 9 successful Regional Road Shows this finale at the Meridian Grand in London is very exciting for us as it kick starts the Television show on Channel 5 TV sky 814 with popular demand. I am confident that the Catering Circle will keep growing to promote unity to all levels and work in synergy with one common goal. I wish the Catering Circle the best of luck.

Ashraf Ahmed

Catering Circle Ambassador, Midlands



I feel proud to be a supporter of Catering Circle which is a dedicated platform to raise issues and concerns as well as cooperate and promote catering industry to be the foundation of the future.

I congratulate the Organisers for providing a platform for this interaction through this Conference.



Riyahd Ahad

Channel S corespondence, Birmingham

Catering Circles' 9th February Business Conference creating opportunity for the industry to raise its' voice from an united platform and even raise the issues to parliamentary level by sharing knowledge and experiences among fellow like-minded industry entrepreneurs.

My best wishes and outmost regards for the Catering Circle's grand Business Conference on the 9th February at the Meridian Grand.





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