



Picture: The EBFCI trade delegation, lead by Dr. Uddin met with Dr. Bernd Spanier, Deputy Ambassador of the European Union Delegation in Dhaka, Bangladesh, to discuss opportunities for enhanced international trade, investment cooperation, and sustainable economic growth.

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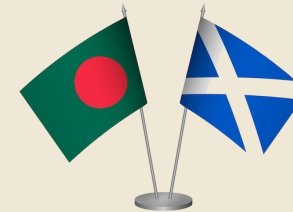


CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

HONORARY CONSUL FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH IN EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

to

DR WALI TASAR UDDIN MBE, DBA, DLitt



SUNDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2025

BRITANNIA SPICE, 150 COMMERCIAL STREET,
EDINBURGH EH6 6LB

PROGRAMME

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12: 30	GUEST'S ARRIVAL & RECEPTION
13:30	NATIONAL ANTHEM OF BANGLADESH
13:35	WELCOME
13:40	PRESENTATION OF THE CREDENTIAL
13:45	H.E. ABIDA ISLAM, HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR BANGLADESH
13:55	RT. HON. JOHN SWINNEY MSP, FIRST MINISTER FOR SCOTLAND
14:05	DR WALI TASAR UDDIN MBE, APPOINTEE HON. CONSUL
14:15	LUNCH
15:30	EVENT ENDS

ROLES OF THE HONORARY CONSUL

Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin, MBE, DBA, D.Litt, has been appointed as the Honorary Consul of Bangladesh in Edinburgh, where he will serve as the representative of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. His duties will be carried out in full accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963) and under the guidance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.

Under the supervision of the Bangladesh High Commission in London, Dr. Uddin will promote and safeguard the interests of Bangladesh and its citizens in Edinburgh and across Scotland. He will work to strengthen relations between Bangladesh and Scotland, with a particular focus on fostering cooperation in areas such as trade, investment, education, culture, and tourism.

In close coordination with the Bangladesh missions in the UK, Dr. Uddin will facilitate engagement among government bodies, business communities, and cultural organisations. He will also provide assistance to Bangladeshi nationals residing in or visiting Scotland, ensuring their welfare and representing their interests with due diligence and care.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin MBE DBA D.Litt is a distinguished businessman, philanthropist, and community leader, highly respected across the United Kingdom, Bangladesh, and Europe. Born in Moulvibazar, Bangladesh, in 1952, he moved to the UK in 1967 and built a remarkable career defined by entrepreneurship, leadership, and public service.



Dr. Uddin's entrepreneurial success spans hospitality, healthcare, and manufacturing. He founded award-winning restaurants including Britannia Spice, Verandah, and Lancers—renowned for excellence in cuisine and service.

Since 1999, Britannia Spice has been recognised among Scotland's best Indian restaurants, earning BIBA's Industry Personality of the Year and the Asian Jewel Lifetime Achievement Award. He serves as Chairman of Sylhet Women's Medical College & Hospital in Bangladesh and leads Universal Koba Corporation Ltd and Ornate Arcade Ltd. As President of the Europe-Bangladesh Federation of Commerce and Industry (EBFCI) and former President of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BBCCI), he continues to strengthen trade between Bangladesh and Europe.

Beyond business, Dr. Uddin is devoted to philanthropy and community development. He has raised major funds for education, healthcare, and disaster relief in both Bangladesh and the UK. A unifying figure for the Bangladeshi diaspora, he promotes integration and bilateral ties between Bangladesh and the UK. His leadership roles include Director of Solace Global (Scotland) Ltd, Director of Sylhet Dental College & Hospital, Trustee of BRAC UK Vision Bangladesh Initiative, and the Institute of Directors' International Affairs Committee. A former Chair of the Junior Chamber and *Young Scot of the Year* (1992), he is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Honoured with an MBE in 1995 for services to race relations, Dr. Uddin became the first Bangladeshi Justice of the Peace in 1984. He serves as Honorary Consul of Bangladesh in Scotland and holds honorary doctorates from Queen Margaret, Heriot-Watt, and Edinburgh Napier Universities. Author of *“Wali Uddin: Blessed Son of Two Nations,”* he continues to inspire through his leadership, compassion, and dedication to strengthening Bangladesh-UK relations.