



Over 200 business people from all trades and professions attended the Institute of Asian Businesses' 'Networking and Eid Celebration' which took place at the Pearl Palace in Digbeth, Birmingham.

There were keynote speakers from the Health & Safety Executive, Aston University, the Learning & Skills Council West Midlands Birmingham City Council. Mr Tahir Alam, adviser to the Muslim Council of Britain, gave an explanation of the significance of Eid-ul-Adha, and the entertainment was sponsored by Global Meridian and provided by the SHAAM Group.

The Pearl Palace, which has been refurbished, is now under the management of Imran Butt of Imrans Restaurant based in Birmingham's Balti Triangle and is part of the company's expansion into the corporate banqueting sector.

The IAB, part of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce & Industry, regularly holds business networking events throughout Birmingham recognising the main Asian religious festivals, a number of companies including Wade Ceramics, Prevista City College Birmingham took exhibition stands.

Imran Butt said: "As a member of the IAB, I fully support the excellent work that they carry out on behalf of members generally.

"As a small business looking to grow, particularly in the corporate sector, I am delighted to host this important networking event for members, and welcome such a large business gathering to the Pearl Palace".

Dr. Arun Bajaj, chairman of the IAB, said: "Imran and the family have come up with a successful formula in Imrans Restaurant which, I have no doubt, will be translated into making Pearl Palace one of Birmingham's most successful banqueting suites.

"We are thrilled that so many of our members and their guests came to this venue and made it a most successful occasion."