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Biodata in Summary of the Keynote Speaker at 2006 Gala Dinner

Ram Gidoomal is an entrepreneur, and former UK Group Chief Executive of the Inlaks Group, a multinational business with seven thousand employees. He and his family were forced to leave wealth and prosperous business interests behind them when they came to Britain from East Africa as refugees.

Made a CBE in 1998 for service to the Asian Business Community and Race relations, he is Chair of the Hendersons Global Investors SRI Advisory Committee, The Employability Forum (helping refugees into jobs), Citylife (Industrial and Provident Society) Ltd, Winning Communications, South Asian Development Partnership, London Sustainability Exchange, President of the National Information Forum, a member of the Home Office Immigration Nationality Directorate (IND) Complaints Audit Committee, a Board Member of Think London and the Institute for Employment Studies and a Freeman of the City of London. He is a governor of Kings College School, Wimbledon, a Crown Appointee of Court & Council, Imperial College and a visiting professor of Entrepreneurship & Inner City Regeneration at Middlesex University.

He was a founder trustee and chairman of the Christmas Cracker charity, which has given thousands of young people direct entrepreneurial experience and has raised over £5 million for projects in developing countries.

A Trustee of Forum for the Future, he is author of several books including *The UK Maharajahs and The British* and how to deal with them: *Doing business with Britain's Ethnic Communities*.

He was an independent candidate for Mayor of London in 2000 and 2004 gaining nearly 100,000 votes in both elections.

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