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D'TANDOOR Food Industries Sdn Bhd managing director Abdul Malik Abdullah was presented the Malaysia Australia Business Council (MABC) Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2005 at the council's annual dinner in Kuala Lumpur last night.

Abdul Malik started D'Tandoor, which began operations in Malaysia with a single north Indian restaurant in 1993. It has since grown into a chain of 11 outlets.

In Malaysia, there are seven outlets, five of which are franchised. Its foreign operations, developed in partnerships, include one outlet in Perth, two in Sydney and one in Auckland.

"He has also successfully expanded his business to include D'Tandoor Food Industries Sdn Bhd, specialis-

ing in industrial and outdoor catering," MABC Awards committee chairman Eric Pringle said.

Pringle added: "In building his business to one with a total turnover of almost RM12mil a year, Abdul Malik has displayed the grit, vision and proactive commitment of a true entrepreneur. Turnover of RM11.66mil for financial year 2004 was a healthy 15% increase from the previous year."

Abdul Malik was very excited to have won the award. "I am surprised because I submitted my nomination just to give it a shot," he said.

Another award recipient was Mulpha International Bhd, which received MABC Business of the Year Award 2005.

Its director Derrick Tan accepted the award on behalf of the compa-



Abdul Malik Abdullah and Derrick Tan with their awards at the presentation of the MABC Entrepreneur of the Year Award