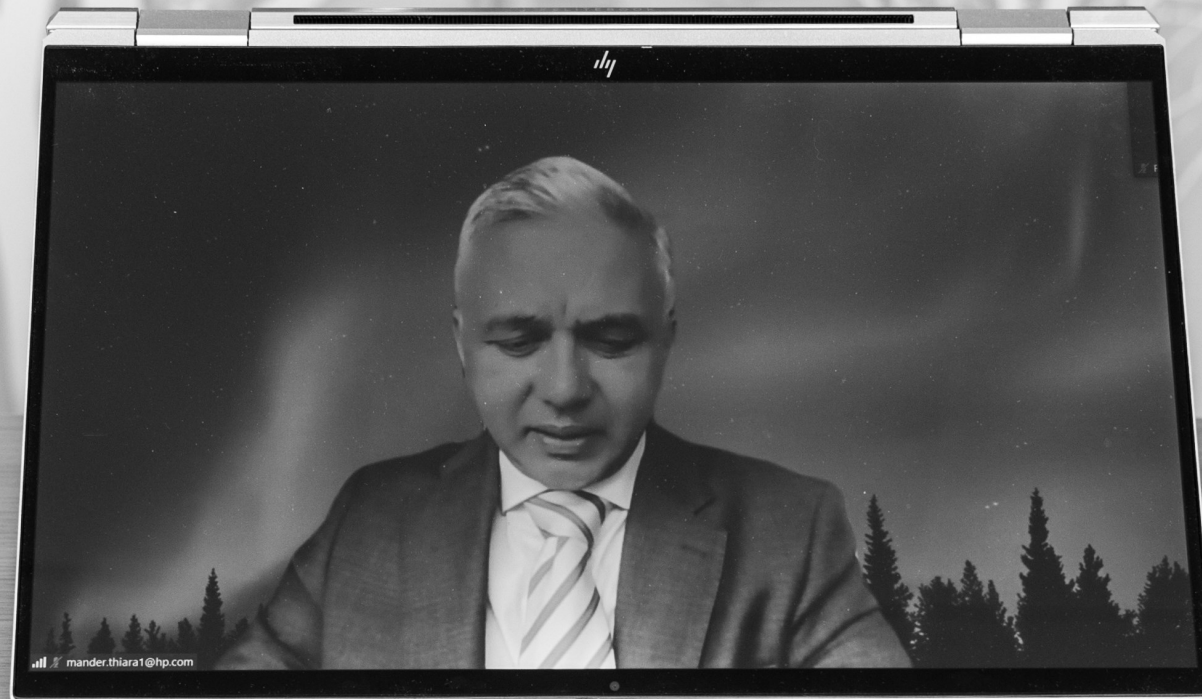


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## Editor's introduction

### Portrait of HP: Mander Thiara

For this edition of Portrait of HP, I had a privilege to hold a fascinating conversation with, and to photograph Mander Thiara, the UK&I Print Lifecycle Services Category Manager, and our very own Finance Officer of the UK&I Multicultural Impact Network.

Following our lengthy conversation and photography sessions, Mander exemplifies a hard-working human being, who thrives in his journey of self-accomplishment, a person who does not lose hope easily, and who keeps insisting in following his dreams. He also emphasises in his effort as a member of his community, who endeavours to improve their day-to-day conditions of life.

### Heritage

The conversations with Mander about the importance of his family roots prompted my own digging into visual references of farming in India. In his generosity, he shared his late grandfather's story of working on one of those farms. Mander's father was among the eight of his children. More often than not, the produce of the land did not manage to feed the whole family, Mander's parents took the decision to move to the UK, where Mander was born. Shortly after, his mother become the head of the family, raising her four children. This is how Mander has familiarised himself with the flavour of hard work, as well as satisfaction to see one's loved ones flourish.

Despite travelling to India only a handful of times, the special memories of a joyful community spirit stayed with him, as well as the feeling of the presence of extended family, spirituality of the temples, and importance of the contribution to the community as an individual.

Upon reflection, his home in England struck him as a small box, with a limited sense of community. He started thinking, and often finds himself questions the values of community spirit and what it means to build a community in present times?

### Technology

Throughout his career he has immersed himself in the technology industry, first in the Retail area in Dixons, further extended sales force team of Compaq and subsequently, for the last five years, working directly in HP.

He has a strong belief that HP values their people and endorses their motivations in driving diverse endeavours. Mander identifies technology as an enabler to "reach new heights". He adopts a mindful approach that has been developed over all these years: Utilising a balanced approach and using technology in an active mindful way can be a positive influence on people's lives.

### Community

Growing up Mander has embraced a "happy community spirit", which he has demonstrated in becoming HP Sustainability Champion, and also more recently, our UK&I Multicultural Impact Network's Finance Officer. Further to his diverse interests, he has trained and certified as an Classic 5 Element Acupuncturist and now studies Tai Chi , and has an aspiration that one day he would like to establish a health clinic that is affordable for all. Mander strives to balance the three aspects of life that believes are the pillars to a good life, Health, Wealth and Happiness.

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Mander travelled to Bali, where he met Ketut Liyer a famous medicine practitioner featured in *Eat, Pray, Love*. This journey cemented his passion for complementary medicine.

Mander's mother gave her blessings to continue his spiritual journey and as reminder, his staff remains as a significant symbolic memory to his ancestors which links him to his past, present and future.



## Past & Present

Health, Wealth, and Happiness.  
Despite all the adversities, we  
have the potential to thrive.



As an acupuncturist, Mander dreams about facilitating access to complementary medicine for less-privileged communities.



“Print Lifecycle Services Category Manager is a role that is both challenging and rewarding, one that I’m glad I have experienced. Never lose hope, work hard and in the end everyone has the capacity to fulfil their own dreams”.

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