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Greetings from the 24th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB).

A very warm welcome to the first IAB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER of this year! A new year means fresh starts and in keeping with the new direction across the entire IAB brand, this edition is all about New Beginnings

The objective of IAB NEWSLETTER has always been to foster closer ties among members and to create a greater sense of community bonding within the architects' fraternity. As such, quarterly highlights within each segment will remain the anchor of our content but presented in a more cohesive and reader-friendly manner visually.

The current issue covers news of the key events and activities of IAB and its Chattogram Chapter covering the month of January to March 2021. Giving emphasis on the profession's relevance and resilience, the 24th Executive Council together with different committees newly formed, playing a proactive role in multiple sectors. The celebration of Louis I Kahn's 120th birth anniversary is a milestone effort by the institute. This issue also covers IAB's efforts to save Teacher-Student Centre at Dhaka University and Kamalapur Railway Station. Further it also features the suggested reviews on the proposed Detailed Area Plan (DAP) for Dhaka. Besides covering vibrant events like Reverence Kahn 120 and a number of webinars, the issue also portrays the Bangladeshi Architects' achievements on international areas.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the EC members, contributors, and the whole Newsletter Team for their relentless supports and contributions. I would also acknowledge Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited for patronizing this Newsletter. Amidst the constraint caused by the prevailing global Covid 19 pandemic, sincere attempt has been made to bring out this Newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to wrap up this note with condolence to the demise of Ar. Dewan Mahbub Hasan and all the great souls who left us during this Covid-19 pandemic.

That is all from this time. We welcome feedback and new ideas at mail@iab.com.bd. Stay safe!

Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud
Editor
IAB Newsletter





Fellow Architects,

Greetings from the 24th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh.

As you all know, we took charge during this troubled time of the global phenomenon. The prevailing COVID-19 pandemic took the world into an unprecedented cessation of works causing a global economic plummet.

Due to this pandemic, most of our regular works are at standstill or at a sloth rate. Keeping in mind the recommended health guideline, we are mostly depending upon online activities for our regular purposes avoiding in-person contacts. The permanent secretariat of the institute is providing limited but emergency services in-person according to the state directives.

We must address this situation with the utmost caution and accountability. None of us should be the reason for the further spread of the contamination. We have lost a number of fellow architects at home and abroad, as well as our closed ones and fellow countrymen, we cannot afford more.

We believe that the brave nation who fought for our great independence will be victorious again in this current phenomenon. Our prayers are with you all as we ask for your assistance and kind cooperation.

Ar. Mubassar Hussain, FIAB
President
Institute of Architects Bangladesh

120 YEARS of KAHN

Reverence Kahn: Travelling Exhibition and Online Film Screening on the Occasion of 120th Birth Anniversary of Master Architect Louis I Kahn

On the auspicious moment of the Global Master, Architect Louis I Kahn's 120th birth anniversary, Institute of Architects, Bangladesh (IAB) organized a pop-up public exhibition "শ্রদ্ধার্থ কান - Reverence KAHN" at the promenade adjacent to his magnum opus, the National Parliament Building, Manik Mia Avenue, Dhaka featuring notable drawings by Kahn, scaled model, essays and interview on Kahn, rare photographs of the Capitol Complex etc. The exhibition, supported by the "Louis I Kahn's 120th Birth Anniversary Celebration Council (Kahn120)", is a traveling kind which is planned to occur at various places of the country.

The first event was opened to public from 10am to 10pm on 20 February 2021 on the day of the maestro's 120th birth anniversary. The exhibition attracted a number of Kahn enthusiasts as well as the city dwellers. The exhibition featured essays from Ar. Prof. Shamsul Wares, Ar. Prof. Kazi Khaleed Ashraf, Ar. Prof. Adnan Zillur Morshed & Ar. Saif Ul Haque, an interview by Ar. Marina Tabassum, sketches of Louis Kahn from Architectural Archive of Pennsylvania University, a drawing of the master plan of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar provided by the Dept. of Architecture, Ministry of Housing & Public Works, a sketch of the capitol by Ar. Dr. Sajid-Bin-Doza, a scaled model of the Kahn's citadel and rare photographs of

the capitol complex taken by Ar. Enamul Karim and Ar. Dr. Nurur Rahman Khan.

A public conference in presence of the media, notable number of architects, students, volunteers and city dwellers, happened beside the ongoing exhibition. Ar. Prof. Shamsul Wares presented a mesmerizing keynote speech. Among the presence, Chief Architect, Dept. of Architecture, Ar. Mir Manzurur Rahman, Aga Khan Laureate Ar. Saif Ul Haque, Past Presidents of IAB Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir & Ar. Jalal Ahmad, Ar. Dr. Nurur Rahman Khan and Co-Conveners of Kahn120, Ar. Md. Wahiduzzaman Ratul & Ar. Sakib Ahsan Choudhury spoke on the occasion. Beforehand, President of IAB, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain welcomed the audience and General Secretary of IAB, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu concluded the session with a Vote of Thanks. The session was moderated by the Vice President (International Relations) of IAB, Ar. Md. Ishtiaque Zahir. Eminent architects, artists, journalists and city dwellers visited the exhibition. The event was covered by national dailies.

The traveling exhibition placed its second anchor at IAB Centre from 13 to 18 of March, 2021. In presence of the members of the IAB EC, Ar. Md. Ishtiaque Zahir, Vice President (International Relations) inaugurated the session. Later that

night, a feature film on Kahn's work called "The Tigers City" aired on a member only zoom session through IAB. Ar. Md. Ishtiaque Zahir introduced the film maker and art historian, Sundaram Tagore to the audience to spoke before the screening. Ar. Saif Ul Haque & Ar. Marina Tabassum also spoke of the occasion. Secretary - Seminar & Convention Ar. M Taufuqur Rahman Khan conducted the session. The exhibition remained open for all for next five days. The event was also covered by national dailies and featured on satellite televisions.

During this prevailing pandemic, the exhibition has designed and curated keeping the social distancing guideline in mind. The 12 solid plywood monoliths each commemorating a decade since Kahn's birth has a triangular base which ensures the social distancing of spectators abreast. These events were sponsored by Vistaara Architects Pvt Ltd, Vitti Sthapati Brindo Ltd and Tania Karim N R Khan & Associates. The countrywide anchorage of the traveling exhibition is currently on hold due to unfavorable peak of the pandemic.



Prof. Ware's speech



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Reverence Kahn

**ONLINE FILM SCREENING & TRAVELLING EXHIBITION
ON THE OCCASION OF 120TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF
MASTER ARCHITECT LOUIS I KAHN**

Online Film Screening

Louis Kahn's Tiger City Directed by Sundaram Tagore

Date: 13 March 21

Time: 8.00 pm (BST)

Medium: Zoom Meeting

(Link will be shared to members by email)

Exhibitions

[Rare Photographs, Writings, Model, Sketches, Drawings]

Date: 20 February 2021

Venue: Promenade adjacent to National Parliament Building,
Manik Mia Avenue, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Date: 13-18 March 2021

Venue: Multi-purpose Hall of IAB Centre, Agargaon

(No Mask No Entry)

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Event poster





Left: Prof. Shamsul Wares delivering his key note speech at the exhibition

Eminent architects delivering their speeches-
 Ar. Mubasshar Hussain,
 Ar. Mir Manzurur Rahman,
 Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir,
 Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan,
 Ar. Saif Ul Haque,
 Ar. Jalal Ahmed,
 Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu,
 Ar. Md. Ishtiaque Zahir



The KAHN120 team members

Prof. Wares with the audience

The whole team, organizers, volunteers, executive council members



Right: citizens at the exhibition







Left: Ar. Md. Ishtiaque Zahir, Vice President (International Relations) of IAB inaugurating the second anchorage of the exhibition at IAB Centre, Dhaka



Right: Mr. Sundaram Tagore, director of the 'Tiger City' delivering his speech before the online screening

Projection at IAB Centre of the film

IAB Ensures Consent from Different Actors and Stakeholders Related to Its Proposals for World Heritage Tentative List

A Step Forward to Ensure the Enlistment

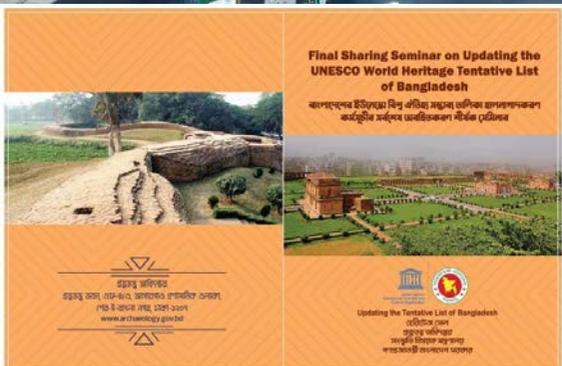
Bangladesh. The Department of Archaeology proposed cultural affairs ministry to submit the names of eight sites, including the National Parliament complex and Architectural work of Muzharul Islam to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the sites' inscription on the tentative list of World Heritage Site.

Mr. KM Khalid, State Minister for Cultural Affairs; M Badrul Arefin, Secretary Cultural Affairs Ministry, UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh Beatrice Kaldun, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, General Secretary, IAB, Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB, Ar. Dr. Sharif Shams Imon, Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan, Ar. Muhtadin Iqbal, Ar. Md. Wahiduzzaman Ratul, attended the meeting.

As a part of the process of World Heritage Tentative Listing, it was a requirement for IAB to take consent from the responsible authorities of different sites to propose the respective sites for world Heritage Tentative List. Hence IAB officially requested different authorities for consent.

On 18 January 2021, The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) sought kind endorsement of the Honorable Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina for inclusion of the National Assembly Complex and the Architectural works of Muzharul Islam in the World Heritage Tentative List by UNESCO in December 2020. The Honorable Prime Minister expressed her kind endorsement on the efforts undertaken by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh vide the Message Letter. The effort was initiated by the 23rd Executive Council of IAB and the 24th Executive Council expresses its humble gratitude to them for their effort.

On 17 February 2021, Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, GOB organized the Final Sharing Seminar on Updating the UNESCO Tentative List of





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PRIME MINISTER
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH

18 January 2021
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Message

I am very happy to know that the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) is proposing the 'National Assembly Complex, Bangladesh' and 'The Architectural Works of Muzharul Islam' for inclusion in the World Heritage Tentative List of UNESCO through the Department of Archaeology, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh is a country of rich cultural heritage. We are emerging on the world stage as a proud nation showcasing our heritages. The historic Mosque City of Bagerhat, Ruins of the Buddhist Vihara at Paharpur and the Sundarbans have placed our nation on the map of the World Heritage List.

It is a great pleasure to know that we also have many prominent works of modern architecture which are iconic by global standards. It is of immense pride that we can contribute to global culture with such magnificent works of architecture.

I extend my government's full support to this noble effort.

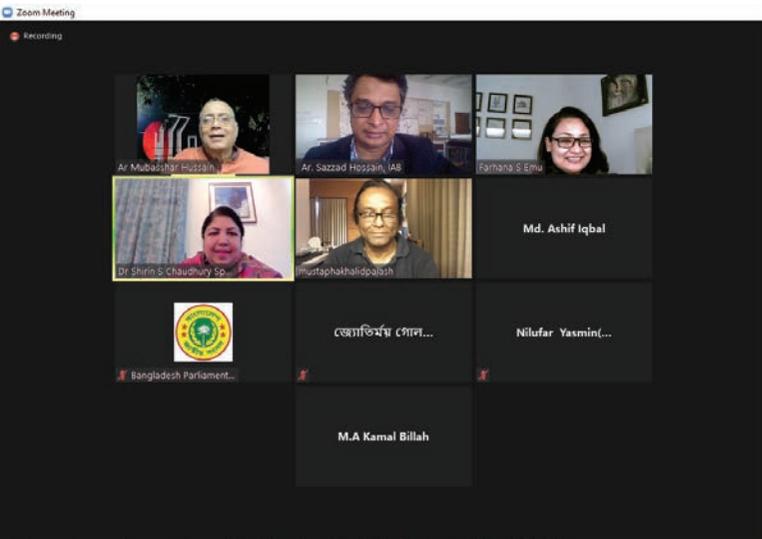
Joi Bangla. Joi Bangabandhu.
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina

The endorsement letter of Sheikh Hasina, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh, regarding inclusion of the National Assembly Complex and the Architectural works of Muzharul Islam in the World Heritage Tentative List

14 Achievement

UNESCO World Heritage Tentative Listing



On 18 February 2021, IAB President Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Vice-President (National Affairs); Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid; General Secretary, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu and Secretary, Heritage & Culture Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain had an online meeting with the Hon'ble Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP and requested the consent letter required for IAB to move forward with its proposal for inclusion of the 'National Assembly Complex, Bangladesh' in the World Heritage Tentative List. Hon'ble Speaker instantly expressed her full support and thanked IAB for taking such an important initiative. Hon'ble Speaker also noted the proposal of making a copy of Ar. Louis I. Kahn's original drawings available for IAB in order to make a publication.

Afterwards IAB managed to receive the consent letters from Parliament secretariat and Ministry of Housing and Public Works regarding the proposal of National Assembly Complex.

Regarding Architectural Works of Muzharul Islam, IAB had to take the challenge of managing approval of different authorities associated with

17 different sites. In 2021 IAB managed to receive consent letters from Ministry of Housing and Public Works, Bangladesh Roads and Highways, Barishal Polytechnic Institute and Sylhet Polytechnic Institute.

However, in 2020, IAB managed to receive consent letters from Pabna Polytechnic Institute, Bogura Polytechnic Institute, Rangpur Polytechnic Institute, Jahangirnagar University, Chittagong University, Department of Archives and Library, GOB, Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR), and Office of the Adjutant Generals, AHQ, Dhaka cantonment. IAB is still trying to get the consent letters from Dhaka University and BADC authority.

Left: IAB delegation at online meeting with the Hon'ble Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP



IAB Delegation Meets the Hon'ble Minister & the Mayor

Right: Ar. Ehsan Khan handing over the publication by the Institute on IAB's Proposal for the World Heritage Tentative List to Sheikh Hasina, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh

IAB President delivering speech at the workshop

IAB delegation with Mr. Md. Tajul Islam, MP, Hon'ble Minister and Md. Atiqul Islam, Hon'ble Mayor



A workshop on Sewage Management titled 'Valentine's Day for a day, love for the city every day' was held on 14 February 2021, at a local hotel in Gulshan, Dhaka. The programme was organized by Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC).

Mr. Md. Tajul Islam, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives, graced the programme as the Chief Guest and Mr. Helal Uddin Ahmed, Senior Secretary, Local Government Department was present as the Special Guest while Mr. Md. Atiqul Islam, Honorable Mayor, DNCC presided over the workshop.

Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, President, IAB, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, General Secretary, IAB and IAB Fellow Ar. Iqbal Habib attended the program.

As the Guest of Honour Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, President, IAB also spoke at the event where he emphasised the modernisation and proper Sewage Management System including its proper maintenance for the City. Ar. Iqbal Habib also spoke on the occasion on behalf of the architects' fraternity.

Swearing in and Farewell Ceremony

IAB Celebrates the Swearing in of the 24th Executive Council and the Farewell Ceremony of the 23rd Executive Council at IAB Centre



Swearing in

On 16 January 2021, the Swearing in of the 24th Executive Council and the Farewell Ceremony of the 23rd Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh was held in a scaled-down program at the Multi-purpose Hall of IAB Centre, Agargaon, Dhaka.

Mr. Atiqul Islam, Hon'ble Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and swore in the oath to the 24th Executive Council.





The hour long event started with the National Anthem followed by the welcome speech by Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, President of IAB, and concluded with the Vote of Thanks from Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, General Secretary of 24th EC.

The event was also addressed by the Chief Election Commissioner, Ar. Mustafa Ameen and Immediate Past President, Ar. Jalal Ahmed. The Hon'ble Mayor conveyed his commitment to work in close association with IAB towards his goal of making a modern, beautiful and livable Dhaka while delivering his speech.

IAB eagerly looks forward to arranging a regular scale installation ceremony with the presence of all members as soon as the situation improves after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Earlier on 04 December 2020 the first ever online Bi-Annual General Meeting and Election took place. The 24th Executive Council took over the responsibilities for the next two years.

Left: Observing one minute silent tribute to the departed fellow souls during the Covid-19 pandemic

Right: Hon'ble Mayor conducting the oath swears

The elected President giving recent publication as souvenir to the Mayor

Handover meeting between 23rd and 24th EC





Front row from left: Ar. Farhana Sharmin-General Secretary | Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid-Vice President (National Affairs) | Ar. Mubasshar Hussain-President | A
 Rear row from left: Ar. Mohammad Arefeen Ibrahim-Secretary, Education | Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain-Secretary, Heritage & Culture | Ar. Md. Shahid Hasan
 Ar. M Taufiqur Rahman Khan-Secretary, Seminar & Convention | Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker-Secretary, Profession | Ar. Masud Ur Rashid-Tre



Ar. Jalal Ahmed-Immediate Past President | Ar. Md. Ishtiaque Zahir-Vice President (International Relations)
 Ar. Md. Rabbani-Secretary, Membership | Ar. Md. Nafizur Rahman-Secretary, Environment & Urbanization | Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud-Secretary, Publication & Publicity
 Ar. Dr. Sajid- Bin- Doza-Assistant General Secretary

'IAB Centre' Receives ARCASIA AWARD 2020

Honorary Mention

Institute of Architects Bangladesh is very proud to share that IAB Centre has received the award ARCASIA AWARD 2020 as Honorary Mention in B3 (Public Amenity: Institutional Buildings) category. At first, in this international acquisition, the Institute congratulates its consultant Vitti Sthapati Brindo Ltd.

It may be mentioned here that after getting the land from the Government of Bangladesh in 1986, an open architectural design competition was called for the design of the IAB Centre in 2007. Following this, the results of the IAB Centre Design Competition were announced on 24 November 2007. Out of about forty design proposals, three more special mention awards were announced, including first, second, and third prizes, through a two-stage selection process, voted by honorable juries and IAB members. Where the proposal of Ar. Md. Ehsan Khan, Ar. Md. Ishtiaque Zahir, and Ar. Md. Iqbal Habib won the first prize. The Construction of the building began in 2012 and was inaugurated by Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister, People's Republic of Bangladesh in 2016.

HONORABLE MENTION

B-3

Public Amenity:
Institutional Buildings

IAB Center, Home for Institute of Architects Bangladesh

Architect:
Ehsan Khan

Location:
Dhaka, Bangladesh

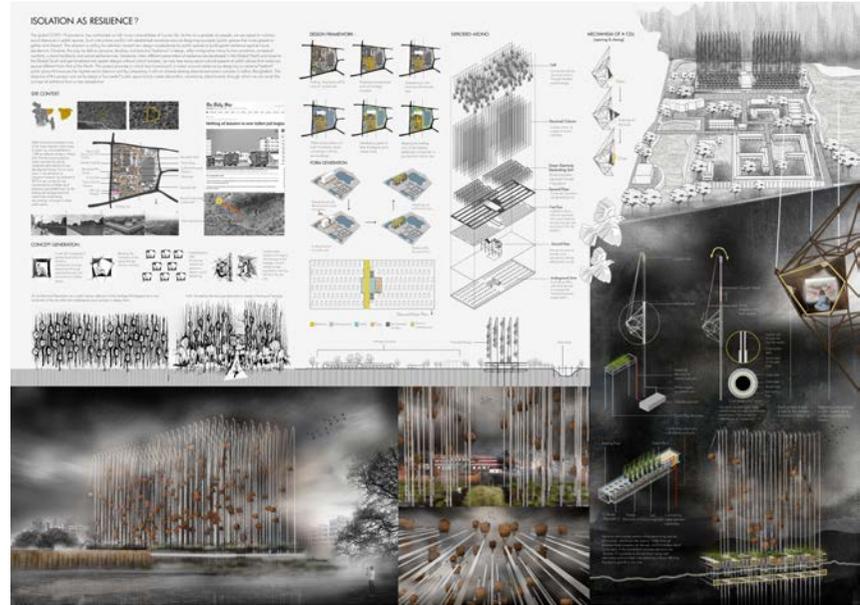
The Institute of Architects Bangladesh is a self-supporting institute that actively works to promote excellence within education and the profession of architecture in Bangladesh. The design concept was to create a "home" for architects in Bangladesh that they could embrace as their own and where they could be inspired to contribute positively to their profession. Initially, the institutional structure was intended to be semi-permanent, so that the building could be dismantled on demand, with plans existing for constructing a larger institutional building in the future. The institution required facilities such as an administration area, a multi-purpose hall, and rooms for accommodating different categories of lectures, seminars, and sociocultural programs.

JURY CITATION: The project is very well completed with fine details and coordination of different materials. The steel-column roof provides wonderful semi-outdoor space on the ground floor, where the open lounge welcomes all visitors and encourages communications among staffs. The multi-function room with sliding walls also increases the semi-outdoor space area and allows interactions between interior and exterior.



Bangladeshi Entry Awarded Bronze at the ACAE Design Competition

Institute of Architects Bangladesh is pleased to share that the entry titled 'Isolation as Resilience?' from Bangladesh has been awarded Bronze category in the competition 'Resilience by Design' organized by ARCASIA Committee on Architectural Education (ACAE). IAB congratulates Mr. Taorem Rahul Singha (Student from Level-4, Term-2, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology) and all the winners. The Institute also congratulates ARCASIA and ACAE for hosting such successful competitions during the pandemic.



The Rajapur Centre - A Community Participatory Architecture

Architecture Sans Frontieres Award | SEED/ Pacific Rim award | 2019 RIBA President's Awards for Research | BAME Award

The Community Building for Women's Literacy and Healthcare, in Rajapur village, Chandpur; is a charity run by the Mannan Foundation Trust, which helps disadvantaged people in the remote low-lying village specially to empower local women by providing income generating and literacy skills, as well as free healthcare.

The building is a live practice-based research. This research received a commendation for the Annual Theme: 'Building in Quality' category in the 2019 RIBA President's Awards for Research. The project has also been recognized by other international awards like Architecture Sans Frontieres Award and SEED/ Pacific Rim award.

Architect Tumpa Husna Yasmin Fellows, the project architect, co-founder and trustee of Mannan Foundation Trust, is practicing architecture in London and a senior lecturer in architecture at the University of Westminster.

Photo Credit: Mannan Foundation Trust



IAB Participates to the ARCASIA Fellowship Webinar

50 Years of ARCASIA: Reflect–Reveal–Reaffirm

On 23 January 2021, the ARCASIA Fellowship Webinar on 50 years of ARCASIA: REFLECT–REVEAL–REAFFIRM was hosted online. With the coordination and moderation by IAB Fellow Ar. Qazi Muhammad Arif (Fellowship Chairman, ARCASIA); Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) took part in the webinar. The speakers from the ARCASIA family were invited to share their thoughts on the influence and achievements of ARCASIA in accomplishing the goals and objectives and also to spark suggestions to triumph greater yields in the coming years.

The program started with the introductory speech by Ar. Qazi Muhammad Arif, Fellowship Chairman of ARCASIA on the diverse involvement of ARCASIA for last fifty years followed by the welcome speech of Ar. Rita Soh, President of ARCASIA.

Invited speakers for the discussions were Ar. Rusi Khambatta (IIA, Past Chairman, ARCASIA), Ar. Suhail Abbasi (IAP, Fellowship Member) Ar. Esa Mohamed (PAM, Past Chairman, ARCASIA), Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand (ASA, Past Fellowship Convener, Past President, ARCASIA) Ar. George Kunihiro (JIA, Past ACAE Chairman, Past President, ARCASIA) Ar. Shin Chungyu (KIRA, Past ACPP Chairman), Ar. Tan Szue Hann (SIA, Past ACYA Chairman), and Ar. Bisma Askari (IAP, Deputy Chair, ACYA).

ARCASIA started its journey about 50 years ago. The family of Asian architects has grown quite big today with its wings being comprised of proficient institutes of architects of 21 Asian Nations. Asian architects are in practice and pedagogy with pride and glory

across the globe in varied capacities and competences. Wherever they are, they carry the sense and essence of the place, culture, history and heritage of ASIA together with the virtues of ARCASIA.

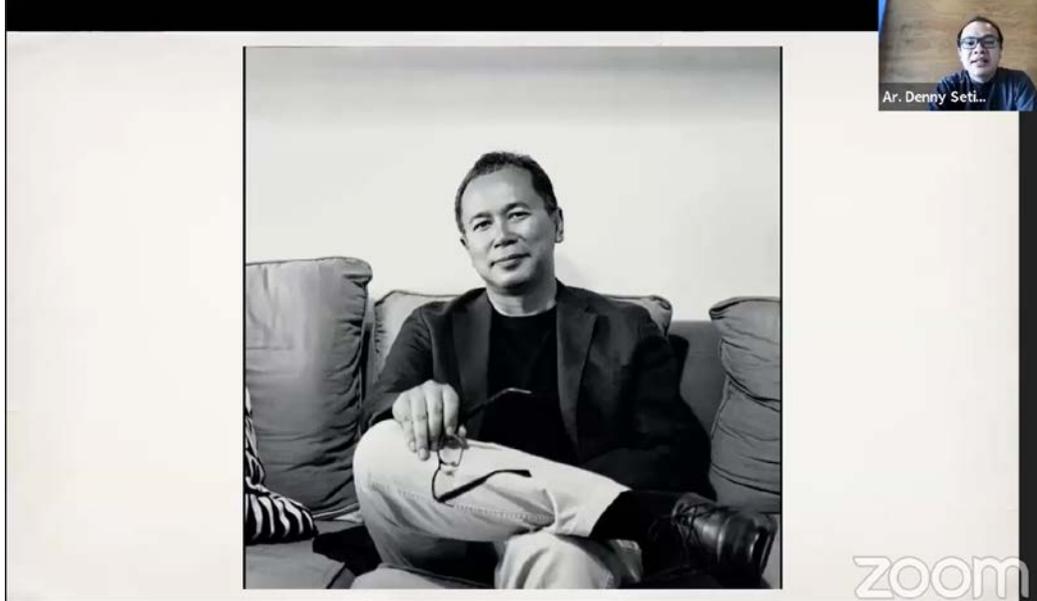
The discussion had been focused on few queries like after the eventful voyage of half a century, at the crossroads of Futurism and Traditionalism, Regionalism and Globalism; why architects were not indulged in recapitulating the role of ARCASIA.

It was decided that ARCASIA needs to look at objectives such as uniting National Institutes of Architects on a democratic basis throughout the asian region, to foster friendly, intellectual, artistic, educational and scientific ties and maintain professional contacts, mutual co-operation and assistance among member institutes.

Moreover, there should be concentration on representing architects of the member institutes at national and international levels; promoting the recognition of the architect's role in society and the development including the education of architects and the architectural profession in their service to the society along with research and technical advancement in the field of the built environment—such targets which had been planted during inception of ARCASIA.

Later Ar. Lalichan Zacharias, the Vice President of Zone A made his concluding remarks for the webinar.





Tribute to Ar. Ahmad Djuhara (1966-2020)

IAB Participates in Memorial Symposium to Remember and Pay Tribute to Ar. Djuhara

Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) organized an online memorial symposium to remember and pay tribute to Ar. Ahmad Djuhara (1966-2020), President of Indonesian Institute of Architects (IAI) on 27 March 2021. With the coordination and moderation by IAB Fellow Ar. Qazi Muhammad Arif (Fellowship Chairman, ARCASIA); Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) took part in the memorial symposium.

The program started with a minute of silence to pay tribute to the eminent architect, followed by the introductory speech of Ar. Rita Soh, President of ARCASIA.



Later two significant discourses were delivered on Ar. Ahmad Djuhara's Life and Works, presented by Ar. Wendy Djuhara, wife of late Ar. Djuhara, followed by Ar. Denny Setiawan, Vice General Secretary of IAI on Architect's Vision and Inspirations.

Some six discussants were also invited to share their memories and experiences with Mr. Djuhara at the second part of the symposium. Ar. Abu Sayeed Mostaque Ahmed, President-Elect of ARCASIA and past presidents of IAB shared his valuable moments with Mr. Djuhara and thanked ARCASIA office bearers



for organizing the memorial symposium. Like Ar. Ahmed, the other five friends of Ar. Djuhara also shared their memories. The other discussants were Ar. Pei Ing Tan (Past President, ARCASIA), Ar. Jahangir Khan (Past President, ARCASIA), Ar. Ketut Rana Wiarcha (President, IAI), Ar. Fawad S Abbasi (Ex-Chair of ACYA, ARCASIA) and eminent Indonesian architect, Andra Matin.

The two-hour remembrance evening was concluded with the remarks of Ar. Sathirut Nui Tandanand, Past President of ARCASIA.



IAB Presents the First Report on AHPG in ACSR Session

On 13 March 2021, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, General Secretary, IAB presented the first report on establishing and formulating the ARCASIA Heritage Preservation Group (AHPG) in the online session of the ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR), with the intention to explore and find regional characteristic of heritage and socio cultural value to identify and formulate regional grading

system through ACSR projects. Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage & Culture, IAB and Ar. Dr. Farida Nilufar, IAB Fellow, attended the session as representatives from IAB. Ar. Emu also presented the country report that included IAB's social responsibilities related activities focusing on the COVID-19 pandemic, heritage, and other webinars.



IAB Pays Homage to the Martyrs of the Language Movement

In the early morning of International Mother Language Day, 21 February 2020, a delegation from IAB paid homage to the martyrs of the Language Movement of 'Ekushey February' at the Central Shaheed Minar. The IAB contingent included Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary (Heritage and Culture), Md. Shahid Hasan Rabbani, Secretary (Membership); Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud, Secretary (Publication & Publicity) and IAB officials.

Unlike each year, the arrangement was teamed up by limited Executive Council members and staff of IAB due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation of 2020.



Proposed IAB Committees for 2021-2022

Membership Affairs Committee

Chair: Ar. Mamnoon Murshed Chowdhury I M/Sec: Ar. Shahid Hasan Rabbani

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IAB Centre Facilities Development and management Committee

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CPD Management and Implementation Committee

Chair: Ar. Jalal Ahmed M/Sec: Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker

Architectural Design Competition Management Committee

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Cultural Affairs Committee

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International Relations Committee

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Media & Publication Committee

Chair: Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid
Co-chair: Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan
M/Sec: Ar. Sheikh Itmam Soud

Seminar Committee

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M/Sec: Ar. M Taufiqur Rahman Khan

Environment and Urbanization Committee

Chair: Ar. Iqbal Habib
M/Sec: Ar. Md. Nafizur Rahman

Heritage Education, Awareness & Research Committee

Chair: Ar. Mohammed Zakiul Islam
M/Sec: Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain

Heritage Practice & Policy Formulation Committee

Chair: Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed
M/Sec: Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain

Social Responsibility Committee

Chair: Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir
M/Sec: Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu

Agenda 2030 implementation Committee

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M/Sec: Ar. Md. Masudul Islam

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M/Sec: Ar. M. Masud Ur Rashid

DMINB 2008 / Electronic Construction Permit (ECP) Review Committee

Chair: Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir
M/Sec: Ar. Tofayel Md. Sarwar

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Chair: Ar. Masudur Rahman Khan
M/Sec: Ar. Selim Altaf Biplob

Emergency Finance Scheme (EFS) Board of Management

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M/Sec: Ar. M. Masud Ur Rashid

COVID-19 Awareness & Support Committee

Chair: Md. Ishtiaque Zahir
M/Sec: Ar. Dr. Sajid Bin Doza

Hon'ble Minister of LGRD Visits IAB Centre



Hon'ble Minister of LGRD, Mr. Md. Tajul Islam, MP inaugurated the modern street lights of Dhaka North City Corporation at a function held at the Multi-purpose Hall of IAB Centre on 1 January 2021.

At the end of the program, a discussion was held with the Hon'ble Minister and the Mayor, DNCC Mr. Md. Atiqul Islam on DAP and other related issues with the newly elected Executive Council of IAB. Members of the of the 24th Executive Council, President, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, Vice President (National Affairs), Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, General Secretary, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu and Secretary – Environment & Urbanization, Ar. Md. Nafizur Rahman was present at the discussion.

IAB's Effort to Save the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC)

On 12 January 2021 in a Zoom meeting IAB shared ideas and exchanged views with its members to address the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) issues and find a way forward through open discussion, dialogue and exchange of opinion. Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, President, IAB; Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, Vice President (National Affairs), IAB & Coordinator of the three working groups in their speech introduced the key figures of the working group and explained the working process to make the initiative more inclusive. General Secretary of IAB, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu was the moderator of the program.

The Team Leader of TSC-Working Group Prof. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed gave a presentation to explain the ongoing activities of the working group and shared ideas with the participants to develop an inclusive work plan regarding the TSC issue. Ar. Ahmed mentioned the idea of introducing a special frame for Facebook profile pictures as a very effective way to build awareness as well as to express the solidarity and unity of the architect fraternity regarding the issue.

The presentation also included analysis of the current and proposed program of TSC and some alternative design proposals developed by the working group to address the existing problem. However, it was also mentioned that an effort is going on to form a team of eminent figures from different disciplines to meet the

Vice-Chancellor of University of Dhaka with the alternative proposals developed by the working group. Prof. Ahmed also thanked the team members of the working group specially Ar. Gaurab Kundu and Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage and Culture, IAB for their valuable contributions. After the presentation the platform was opened for interactive discussion. Ar. Bikash Soud Ansari, Ar. Md. Tariqul Islam and Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan raised relevant issues and gave valuable suggestion regarding the ongoing activities of IAB.

A five-member IAB delegation visited the Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka at his office on 15 February 2021 as part of the drive to save the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) building at Dhaka University campus. Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, President, IAB led the team while Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, Vice President (National Affairs) and Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, General Secretary of IAB along with IAB Fellows Dr. Abu Sayed M Ahmed and Ar. Ehsan Khan.

The meeting had begun with elaborating the importance of the TSC complex as an architectural edifice as well as a historic premise. Elaborate alternate options were presented on screen by the team. Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dhaka gave his patience hearing and expressed his solidarity towards the alternatives proposed





by IAB delegates. While the IAB delegates reiterated on an open architectural design competition for such a challenging and prestigious intervention, the Vice-Chancellor indicated that the project has been undertaken by the Ministry of Public Works & Housing and they have to be convinced to do so. However, he expressed his personal willingness to go for an open architectural design competition for the said extension of TSC.

On 8 March 2021 through an online session, IAB shared relevant information and exchanged ideas with its members. However, the presentation included alternative design-proposals developed by the TSC-Working Group to meet the requirements of the University of Dhaka authority even after ensuring the conservation of the heritage building. Prof. Ahmed also thanked the other members of the TSC working group specially Ar. Ehsan Khan, Ar. Muhtadin Iqbal, Ar. Gaurab Kundu and Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage and Culture, IAB for their valuable contributions. After a long exchange of views, the other participants gave feedback to IAB to continue the effort to preserve the modern heritage.

Left: IAB delegation with the hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of the University of Dhaka



Right: Ar. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed (Team Leader, TSC-Working Group) presenting the ongoing activities regarding TSC with fellow members



Special frame for Facebook profile picture



Alternative design-proposals presented to the VC, developed by the TSC-Working Group

IAB's Effort to Save the Kamalapur Railway Station

On 12 January 2021 in a zoom meeting IAB shared ideas and exchanged views with its members to address the Kamalapur Railway Station (KRS) issues and find a way forward through open discussion, dialogue and exchange of opinion. Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, President, IAB; Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, Vice President (National Affairs), IAB & Team Leaders of the three working groups in their speech introduced the key figures of the working group and explained the working process to make the initiative more inclusive. Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, General Secretary of IAB was the moderator of the program.

The Team Leader of Kamalapur Railway Station (KRS)-Working Group, Ar. Nurur Rahman Khan gave a presentation to explain the ongoing activities of the working group and shared ideas with the participants to develop an inclusive

work plan regarding the KRS issue. The presentation also included relevant information, Newspaper articles and opinion sent to IAB from home and abroad. Ar. N. R. Khan also informed that IAB sent a letter to the Railway Minister; DG, Railway and MD, DMTCL regarding its concern to save the historic Railway Station. However, Ar. N. R. Khan also mentioned that a compilation of the aforementioned documents was also sent with the letters. Ar. N. R. Khan thanked the team members of the working group specially Ar. Fatema Tasmia, Ar. Nasreen Hossain, Ar. Zakiul Islam, Ar. Muhtadin Iqbal, Ar. Wahiduzzaman Ratul and Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary, Heritage and Culture, IAB for their valuable contribution. After the presentation the platform was opened for interactive discussion. Ar. Bikash Soud Ansari, and Ar. Alamgir Jalil raised relevant issues and gave valuable suggestion regarding the ongoing activities of IAB.

A team of delegates from the institute led by the President, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain met the honorable Railway Minister, Mr. Nurul Islam Sujan MP at his office at Bangladesh Railway Bhaban on 4 February 2021. The key issue of the discussion was to conserve the Kamalapur Railway Station Complex. The other members of the delegation were Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Ar. N.R. Khan, Ar. Iqbal Habib, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, and Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain. After a long exchange of views, the Minister showed his

interest in IAB's proposal to continue the development while preserving the iconic establishment. The Minister also agreed to the proposal of presentation, knowledge-based alternatives motivated by the possibilities and rights in this regard by IAB. The President of IAB thanked the Minister and committed to render necessary cooperation in the future as well.

In a similar effort, regarding the conservation of the Kamalapur Railway Station Complex, Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, Ar. Farhana Sharmin Emu, Ar. Md. Iqbal Habib, Ar. N.R. Khan along with IAB President Ar. Mubasshar Hussain discussed at the residence of Mr. Nasrul Hamid MP, the Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources on 6 February 2021. The delegates expressed their concerns about the demolition of Kamalapur Railway Station to HE Naoki Ito san, the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, and to Mr. Hayakawa Yuho san, Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Bangladesh office. After a long discussion, the ambassador hinted on informing Kajima Corporation, the PPP's Japanese investor, regarding the matter before the next joint investment meeting scheduled on 24 February 2021. The JICA head confirms that the said demolition is not a direct resultant of the MRT Project. The State Minister, present in the discussion, assured his full cooperation to IAB.



On 8 March 2021 through an online session IAB shared relevant information and exchanged ideas related to Kamalapur Railway Station with its members.

On 15 March 2021 a team led by the President, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain had an online meeting with the representatives of Kajima Corporation, Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Company Ltd, and Bangladesh Railway regarding KRS issues. The key objective of the discussion was to exchange views and ideas to save the Kamalapur Railway Station Complex. The other members of the IAB delegation were Ar. Farhana, Ar. Md. Iqbal, Ar. N.R. Khan, Ar. Zakiul Islam, Ar. Ruqun Uddin Bhuiya, Ar. Bayezid Mahbub Khondoker and Ar. Sazzad. Mr. Monirul Islam Firozi, Director (Engineering), Bangladesh Railway and Mr. Md. Abdul Baquee Miah, Additional Project Director (Civil), DMRTDP were also present.

Mr. Noburo Aoki, General Manager, New Market Planning Office, Overseas Operations Division, KAJIMA Corporation introduced the Kajima the Oriental Consultants Global and Nippon Koei as the core members of the Kamalapur MmTH Sub-working Group. His penetration included the conceptual proposal of Kamalapur MmTH approved by GoB in March 2019 and the summary of consequent discussions with GoB. However, Ar. N. R. Khan gave a presentation that included alternative design-approaches to achieve the goals of the aforementioned project even after ensuring the conservation of the heritage building. The presentation was prepared by Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, Ar. Ruqun Uddin Bhuiya, Ar. Razia Asad, Ar. Iqbal Habib and Ar. N. R. Khan. After a long exchange of views, the representatives of Kajima Corporation showed their interest in IAB's proposal to continue the development while preserving the iconic establishment.

Left: IAB delegation with hon'ble Railway Minister

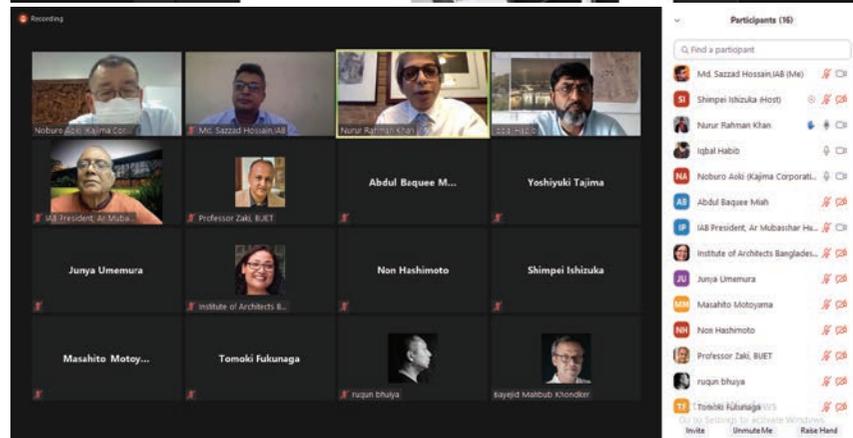
IAB delegation with the Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, GoB and HE Ambassador of Japan along with the Chief Representative, JICA, BD office

Right: Ar. N. R. Khan presenting the proposal to Kajima Corporation & DMRTDP

First Notification meeting with the members

Second Notification meeting with the members

Online meeting with Kajima Corporation



IAB's Efforts on Inswing DAP (2016-2035)

The Detailed Area Plan for Dhaka

civic amenities (health, education, communication, infrastructure), urban lifestyle and land management (flood land, resettlement), housing, and population density. Primarily, the proposed draft suggested, reducing the height of the building by locality to control the population density. After discussions with IAB, RAJUK has considered switching the plan of controlling the height of the building to particularization of FAR to manage the population density. IAB has their point of view and propositions for FAR and land use, which will be presented at a workshop to be organized by RAJUK to finalize the DAP.

A committee, headed by architect Iqbal Habib is working to review the objectives and observations of the Dhaka Metropolitan "Detailed Area Plan 2016-2035" (Draft), which includes Housing, Transportation, Water Management, Population Density, Building Height, City Capacity, Environment, Economy, Decentralization of the City, Urban Governance, Institutional Power, etc.

On 12 January 2021 and 8 March 2021, through online sessions, IAB shared relevant information and exchanged ideas with its members regarding the specific suggestions on proposed DAP. The Team leader of DAP-Working Group, Ar. Iqbal Habib gave presentations to explain the ongoing activities of the working group and shared ideas with the participants to develop an inclusive work.

The Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (RAJUK), started the preparation of the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) 2010-2015 for the areas under RAJUK under the Dhaka Structure Plan (1995-2015) in 2004 to develop the 400-year-old historical Dhaka as a planned city, which was published in the form of Gazette on 22 June 2010. The Detailed Area Plan (DAP) 2016-2035 has taken the initiative to take up the project by incorporating new areas with various complexities related to the implementation of the DAP and the difficulties of land use, which has now been published by RAJUK in a draft form. The new proposed DAP concentrates on better management and governance (planning and implementation),



IAB Plays Active Role with Key Actors to Control the Unplanned Development in the Heritage Sites and its Surrounding Areas

On 29 January 2021, Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, Chairperson, Heritage Practice and Policy Formulation Committee, IAB; Ar. Mohammad Sazzad Hossain, Secretary-Heritage & Culture, IAB; Mr. Ashraful Islam, Project Director, DAP, RAJUK and representatives from BIP and RAJUK visited Bangshal Jam-E-Mosque, Dhakeshwari Temple, Raja Ramohon Roy Library, Hussani Dalan and surrounding areas to assess the impact of the proposed construction work. The visiting team examined the core zone and identified problems in the proposed construction work that may disturb physical access and visual access to the heritage structures.

On 15 February 2021, in a meeting at RAJUK, Ar. Dr. Sayeed, IAB, Ar. Sazzad Hossain, Mr. Ashraful Islam, Muhammad Ariful Islam and other representatives of RAJUK discussed different legal issues associated with some of the sites of the proposed construction work. The team opined to take action according to the order of the court in such cases. However, the team also recommended some guidelines for the proposed construction work to protect the core zone with focus on the heritage values, proper access and visual exposure. Afterwards, Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, Vice President (National Affairs) on behalf of IAB, checked & signed the minutes of the meeting.

Left: Ar. Iqbal Habib (Team Leader, DAP-Working Group) presenting the ongoing activities regarding reviews on proposed DAP with fellow members



Right: IAB delegation and other representatives visiting different heritage sites in old Dhaka



IAB delegates in a meeting at RAJUK

Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation

Online Commemoration Program to Mark the 100th Birth Anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman



recorded webinar

On the occasion of the centennial birth anniversary of the Architect of Independent Bangladesh, the greatest Bengali of all time, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, IAB arranged a commemoration webinar to pay tribute to the undisputed leader on 17 March 2021.

Ar. Mubasshar Hussain, President IAB, gave a speech at the beginning of the program. Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid, Vice President (National Affairs), and Ar. Farhara Sharmin Emu, General Secretary, participated the virtual program as well. The formal anchoring was conducted by Ar. M Taufiqur Rahman Khan, Secretary Seminar & Convention. The General Secretary

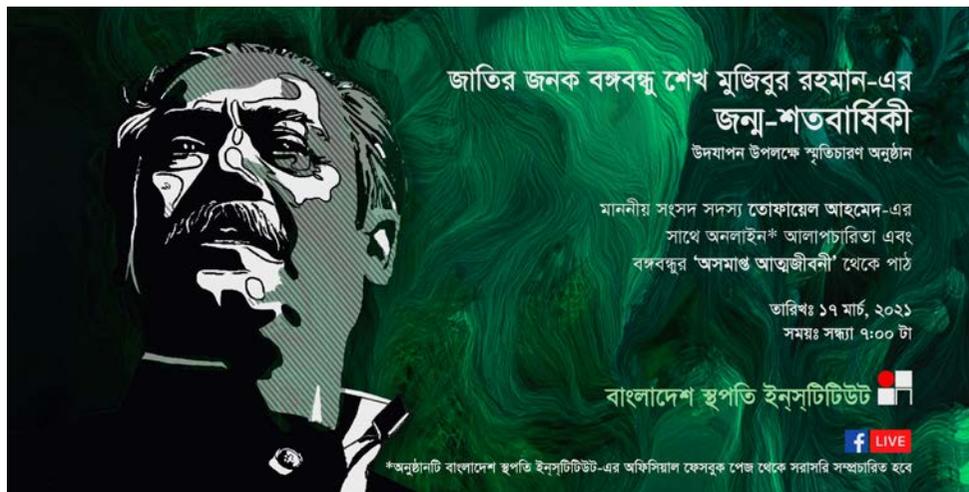
formally introduced the Chief Guest of the program.

Mr. Tofail Ahmed, the Chief Guest for the program is a veteran politician and a member of the National Parliament. He joined Awami League in 1966 as a student leader. He was the VP of Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU). He played a pivotal role in the six-point movement in 1969. In 1970, Mr. Tofail was a Political Secretary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He was one of the organizers of the Mujib Bahini during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971.

The objective of the program was to memorialize our greatest leader

of all times, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from the person who was one of his closest ally and colleagues. Mr. Tofail Ahmed vividly described the chronology of incidents that happened from 1966 to 1975. He explained how a child from Tungipara village became an extraordinary leader, and how his foresighted vision became the reality for the nation of Bangladesh. He thanked Bangabandhu for sacrificing his whole life in the sake of an independent nation.

Participants were mesmerized and thanked Mr. Tofail Ahmed for sharing the glorious history of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



Celebrating Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh



recorded webinar

"If anyone works with honesty, anything can be achieved."

Ar. Yeafesh Osman



The nation of Bangladesh is celebrating the golden jubilee of Independence this year. The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) organized an online commemorative event to mark the 50th anniversary of independence on 21 March 2021. Ar. Yeafesh Osman who was one of the leader of the mass movement of the '79, the VP of EPUET (now BUET), the heroic freedom fighter, and the honorable minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology, attended the event as chief guest. The event was anchored by the Vice President (National Affairs), Ar. Khan Md. Mustapha Khalid. A humble introductory speech was made by the freedom fighter and the President of IAB, Ar. Mubasshar Hussain.

The event started with the unforgettable song JOY BANGLA. The song led everyone with a deep nostalgia, and they expressed the deepest esteem to the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, for his unparalleled role in steering Bangladesh to its brightest moment. A biopic on Ar. Yeafesh Osman's life was displayed as a brief introduction for being an exceptional leader. The minister started his speech by paying his deepest respect to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and the four national leaders with a pleasant poem. He then took everyone to the memory lane of his remarkable journey of becoming a political leader from a common student. Also, he stated that how

the architectural education helped him to explore the world of leadership and made him a versatile person to deal with every difficulty. Further, he vividly described the incredible episodes during the liberation war, 1971. Also, he praised the growth of Bangladesh in the last 50 years. Ar. Mubasshar Hussain added his side of the war memory and shared his remarkable war experiences and praised the minister for his heroic action as a front liner in the war.

The event ended with a sublime emotion of independence for the young architects to work in the developments of Bangladesh with similar inspiration.

The Handover Ceremony



On 26 December 2021, the 9th Chapter Committee formally handed over the charges of IAB Chattogram Chapter to the newly elected 10th Chapter Committee. The Handover ceremony was gracefully performed in the presence of both the Committees, incoming and outgoing.

As in person Seminars were not possible to organize so, Webinars were being arranged by IAB

Chattogram Chapter on Zoom platform as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. IAB Chattogram Chapter organized a few Webinars to fulfill its obligation.

'The Modern Architecture of Chattogram in the mid-twentieth century as a Developing idea in the present context and in the Future' was the theme of the first Webinar organized by IAB Chattogram Chapter.

Oath Taking Ceremony

10th Chapter Committee

The oath taking ceremony of the newly elected 10th Chapter Committee of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh, Chattogram Chapter was held on 9 March 2021 at Chittagong Club Ltd. The program was moderated by the Chairman of IAB Chattogram Chapter, Ar. Ashiq Imran, and as a special guest, Mr. Zahirul Alam

Dobhas, Chairman of CDA, swear in the oath to the newly elected members of IAB Chattogram Chapter's 10th Chapter Committee.

Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury, Secretary, delivered the note of thanks. At the end of dinner, the architects exchanged pleasantries amongst them.



At Middle: **Ar. Ashiq Imran**–Chairman; From Right: **Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury**–Secretary | **Ar. Md. Mainul Hassan**–Memeber, Publication | **Ar. Mohammad Saifur Rashid**–Member, Membership | **Ar. Mohammad Asaduzzaman Chowdhury**–Member, Profession;
From Left: **Ar. Muhammad Imran Bin Hussain**–Member, Heritage & Culture | **Ar. Adar Yusuf**–Member, Seminar & Education | **Ar. Faruk Ahmed**–Deputy Chairman | **Ar. Bijoy Shankar Talukder**–Treasurer

Chattogram Chapter Signs an MoU for Architectural Design Competition

For the first time in Chattogram, an architectural design competition is about to be organized by IAB Chattogram Chapter. The client, Golpahar Kali Mondir Committee approached IAB Chattogram Chapter to arrange an architectural competition for the design of a temple complex at the Golpahar premises. For arranging the architectural competition, a MoU was signed at the IAB Chattogram Chapter office between IAB Chattogram Chapter and Golpahar Mohasosan Kali Mondir Committee on 21 January 2021. The MoU signing ceremony was limited to the representatives of the Golpahar Kali Mondir Committee and members of the IAB Chattogram Chapter.



OBITUARY



IAB deeply mourns on the demises of **Ar. Dewan Mahbub Hasan**.

IAB Fellow, Ar. Dewan Mahbub Hasan (H-027) breathed his last on 08 January 2021 in Dallas, USA, after being battling with Covid 19. He graduated from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in 1978 and taught there. The Institute of Architects Bangladesh is expressing deep sympathy to the family of the late architect.

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