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NOTES FROM EDITOR'S DESK



Dear Members,

Welcome to the third issue of the IAB Newsletter for 2023. This edition captures our key achievements and initiatives, reflecting our commitment to advancing architecture locally and globally.

"Our participation in the UIA Congress 2023 highlights our active role in global dialogues. This is the first time IAB has its own pavilion at the UIA. In the 2023 UIA Triennial Prizes, Marina Tabassum received the Vassilis Sgoutas Prize for Implemented Architecture Serving the Impoverished, with Honourable Mentions going to Ar. Jalal Ahmed and Ar. Md. Sharif Uddin Ahammed. These accolades highlight our commitment to impactful and inclusive design."

At the 20th Asian Congress (ACA20) organized by ARCASIA, eighty-two Bangladeshi architects showcased their expertise. The ARCASIA Awards for Architecture (AAA) ceremony in the Philippines was a significant milestone, with Bangladesh securing five medals from 697 global submissions, showcasing our talent and innovation.

Regional cooperation is exemplified by the ARCASIA Zone A Presidents Meeting in the Maldives and our engagement with The Prince's Foundation. Additionally, IAB signed a MoU to tackle global challenges in sustainable urbanization and climate action.

Internally, we've held productive meetings of the IAB Constitution Review Committee, discussions on women in architecture, and collaboration with the Bangladesh Business and Disability Network (BBDN). The first meeting of the Constitution Review Committee marks the beginning of significant positive changes within our organization.

Events like the "Bangabandhu: Building Bangladesh" discussion, a week-long exhibition and seminar on the Aga Khan Award, and the IAB Center's book launch celebrate our cultural heritage and professional achievements.

We remember Ar. Nargis Tanjiman Ara (A-049) with deep condolences to her family. Her contributions will be cherished.

Finally, the IAB Annual Sports Festival 2023 announcement and the written test for full membership admission in chapters demonstrate our commitment to fostering community and professional growth.

Thank you for your support and dedication to architecture.

Warm regards,

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Ar. Md. Shafiul Azam Shamim
Secretary, Publication & Publicity
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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members,

This quarter has seen numerous international events and activities conducted under the auspices of organizations such as UIA and ARCASIA. Our institute has been actively involved in these events, resulting in the signing of MoUs, enhanced inter-organizational networking, and increased cooperation. These engagements have allowed us to showcase our competencies, gauge our strengths, and learn from our international peers, while also providing opportunities for social interaction and fraternity.

I am pleased to report that several of our members have received international recognition for their creative work this quarter, including students competing in highly competitive arenas. These accolades underscore the consistent development and demonstration of our architects' creative talents. Our students have made significant strides on the global stage with their thesis work, and their mentors deserve commendation for these achievements. However, it is important to note that these awards and recognitions often stem from work conducted outside the city, which involves less stringent regulatory frameworks. I hope the building industry will acknowledge our potential to deliver innovative architectural solutions and create opportunities accordingly. Likewise, our architects must embrace the challenges and complexities of urban building with creativity and demonstrate their technical expertise in this context.

On the knowledge front, the Institute continues to host exceptional seminars, workshops, and lectures for its members. During this period, members have also published books and presented research papers as part of their ongoing pursuit of knowledge.

On the social front, the '100 Homes' project remains a vital initiative, engaging dedicated architects who contribute their time and expertise pro bono to communities in dire need of shelter. These efforts are likely to provide our architects with valuable insights into vernacular solutions across various contexts.

I hope that you find this issue informative and explore evolving opportunities for our members.

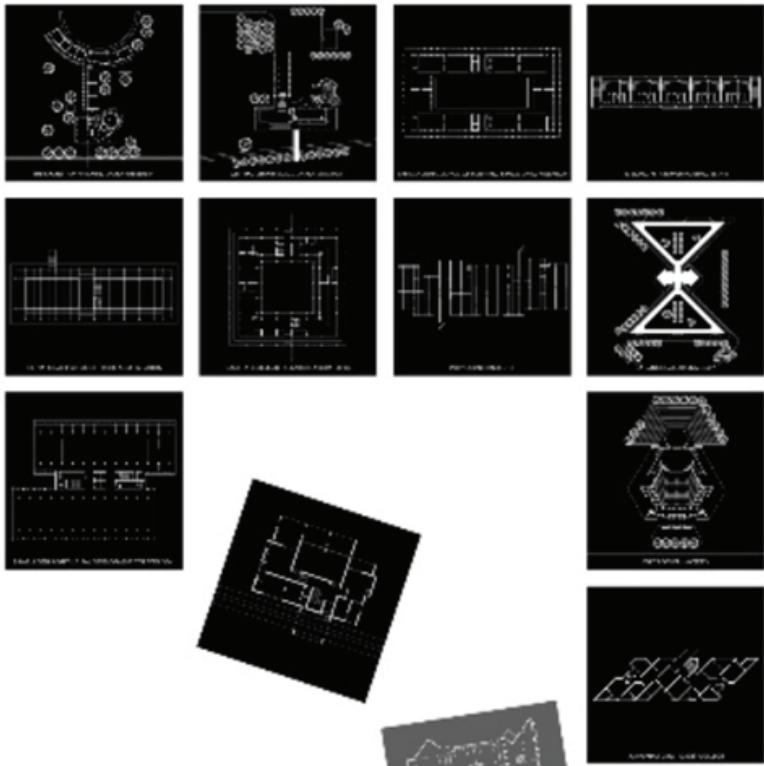
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Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed
President
25th Executive Council, IAB

Poster design Competition:

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Sthapattyacharjo Muzharul Islam.

SAVE OUR MODERN HERITAGE



STHAPATTYACHARJO MUZHARUL ISLAM

(18th December, 1932 - 24 June, 2012)

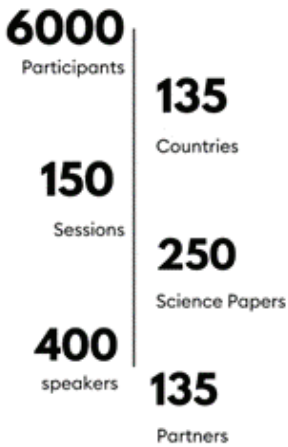
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আধুনিক বাস্তু-ঐতিহ্য রক্ষায় এগিয়ে আসুন

UIA CONGRESS 2023

SUSTAINABLE FUTURES LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND



The World Congress took place in Copenhagen on JULY 2-6 2023, highlighting terms such as 'archivism', biodiversity, social inclusion, universal design & climate justice as well as investigating how architecture can contribute to the UN 17 SDGs. The world's largest architecture congress offers a

vast program of keynote dialogues, new findings presented on the science track, Next Gen sessions, workshops, exhibitions of new materials, and political talks. The packed schedule also includes the Obel Award Talks on the theme "Wellbeing Through Architecture", Velux Daylight

Talks, and Realdania Talks. In parallel to the UIA World Congress, Copenhagen has been named the World Capital of Architecture for 2023 by UNESCO, a title designated triennially to increase public awareness of sustainable architecture.

PARTICIPATION OF IAB DELEGATION IN UIA CONGRESS 2023



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council is aimed at increasing and expanding the employment field of the architects of Bangladesh who are able to work in architectural practice as well as outsourced architectural work. Organized portfolio displays of work in catalogs, websites and events to build and promote listings of outsourced professionals.

INAUGURATION OF IAB PAVILION



First time in the history of IAB, a pavilion of 8 meters by 6 meters is taken in UIA Congress, Copenhagen



IAB Pavilion
UIA Congress, Copenhagen

The IAB 25th Executive Council has achieved many remarkable and revolutionary achievements in the international arena in the last one year. The "IAB International Relations Committee" was established with a significant number of members. The committee chaired by Ar. K.M Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul, the Vice-President of International Relations, IAB and advised by Ar. Dr. Abu Sayeed M Ahmed, the former President of IAB and the current President of ARCASIA is responsible for overseeing international relations.

It was decided unanimously and on the recommendation of this committee that a pavilion will be taken at the UIA Copenhagen Congress for 3 days, through which the high standards of architecture, creativity and capabilities of our country's architects can be highlighted to

the whole world. At the same time, it is also decided to showcase the world-class outsourcing capabilities and expertise of our country's young architects in the field of architecture to the architects of the world.

At present, the Global Outsourcing Market in Architecture and allied field is a billion-dollar market. Almost 1000 new architects are coming out every year from all the universities. This trend is supposed to increase exponentially in the coming years. This is a unique effort to create new job opportunities for this large number of new architects.

It is in this context that probably for the first time in the history of IAB, a pavilion of 8 meters by 6 meters is taken in Copenhagen. It should be noted here that Bangladesh is the only country in

Asia apart from China to have a pavilion there. The pavilion was officially inaugurated by the Honorable Ambassador of Bangladesh in Denmark in the presence of UIA President and many renowned architects from all over the world, the news of which was published in various Danish newspapers the next day.

The pavilion showcased our architecture to the world through posters, models and continuous digital presentations. Many Bangladeshi architects participated in this congress organized till 7th of July.

IAB SIGNED A MOU WITH THE AIM OF COLLABORATING ON GLOBAL CHALLENGES PERTAINING TO SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION AND CLIMATE ACTION

Detailed meetings have been organized with the representatives of the Institute of Architects of different countries to develop mutual relations. As a result, Consultant of Abdullatif Al Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture of Saudi Arabia, Dr. Hani M. Al Huneidi the MOU with the Ordre National Des Architects Conseil National of the Moroccan Institute of Architects is currently in the final stages and the MOU with the L'Ordre Gabonais Des Architectes (OGA) of Gabon has already been executed. The following members of their Executive Council were present, Ar. Chakib Benabdellah, President, Ar. Aziz Mennane, Vice President, Ar. Soufiane Benajiba, Member.

The relationship with Gabon is particularly significant here as they are opening architecture departments in several of their universities and have therefore expressed interest in recruiting faculty from Bangladesh in their new departments. We hope that this will open up a large number of architects to work there and also open a new door for our architects in Africa. Consultant of Abdullatif Al Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture of Saudi Arabia Chief Dr. Hani M. Al Huneidi detailed meetings have been held at the bilateral level with, IAB's Ar. K.M Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul , Vice President for International Affairs, and given this, our cooperation activities with Al Fojan have

already started. Based on their recommendation, Madina Development Authority contacted us, and said that a technical team of 5 members will visit Bangladesh by December this year to hire an architect from Bangladesh for the design team of Koba Mosque, the 4th holiest mosque in Islam to be built for 80 thousand people.

IAB with Al Fojan at IAB Pavilion
UIA Congress, Copenhagen



MEETINGS AND SEMINARS



Peter Oborn, President of the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) welcomed by Ar. K.M Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul, Vice-President of International Relations



Round Table Talks
Moderated by Ar. Qazi M Arif

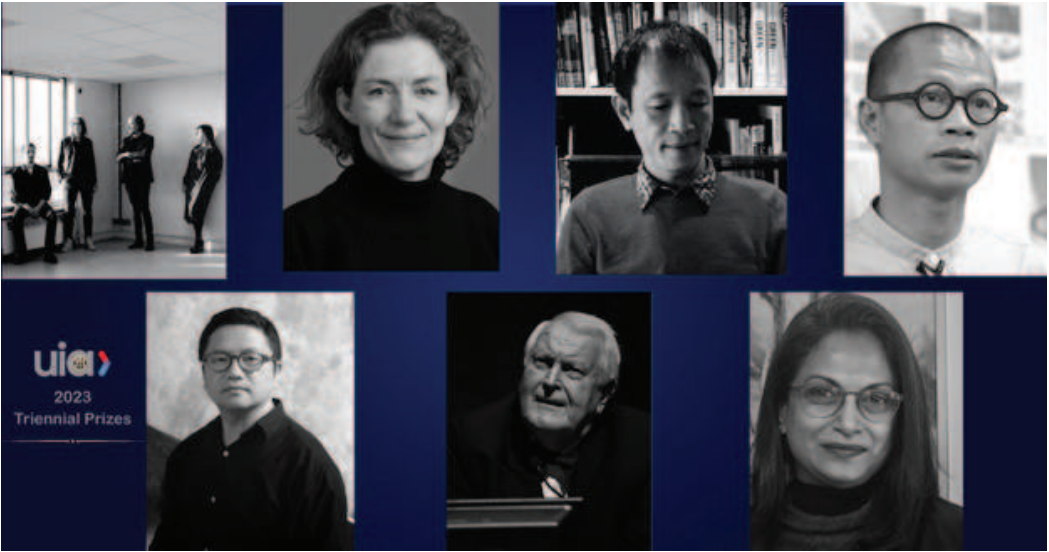
Apart from this, a number of Round Table Talks were organized at the UIA Pavilion, where internationally renowned architects participated on various architectural topics in the presence of President IAB and moderated by Ar. Qazi M Arif. A detailed meeting was held with Peter Oborn, President of the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) in Copenhagen, with IAB President and Vice-President regarding mutual cooperation. IAB presents the issue of Mutual Recognition Agreement between the members very strongly. The CAA president assured that he will start working on this soon and organized a webinar on "Making Mutual Agreement Recognition Work" on November 7th, where apart from us, architects from Australia, UK, Kenya and Fiji participated. In addition, with the aim of obtaining the equivalence of our architectural degree and accreditation around the world and working with the Canberra Accord, Dr. A committee formed under the leadership of Mahbubur Rahman and under the supervision of IAB Education

Secretary is currently working. UIA Congress council meeting was very actively participated by President and Vice President of IAB. There the President IAB gave a speech on various directions in the future management of UIA which was widely appreciated and discussed. He also spoke on behalf of Palestine as the Vice-President of the IAB in the meeting which was well received. Ar. K.M Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul, Vice-President of International Relations, and Ar. Sabrina Aftab, Secretary Seminar participated as representatives of IAB in the round table meeting on Human Rights and Community Architecture organized in Copenhagen.

In the meeting, IAB's project named 100 Homes Project for Marginalized Communities of Rural Bangladesh was presented in detail to the representatives of various countries participating in the round table and it was widely appreciated, especially Lebanon, Nepal, Egypt, India and Canada participated in the project and similar projects. Expresses

interest in doing it in different countries of the world and discusses it in detail. Besides, Executive Director of Center for Architecture and Human Rights, Mr. Graeme Bristol expressed a keen interest in the matter and expressed his desire to work together. The IAB International Relations Committee formed a conclusion that going forwards, IAB will focus more on the developing relations with the countries of Central Asia, Middle East and Africa or with their regional associations and will sign MOUs on an individual basis with the institutes of the countries of these regions and will try to increase the relations. The current executive council feels that these areas have a lot of potential to expand the workplace for our architects. By undertaking this program, everyone's collective efforts have created an opportunity to create a friendly environment for our world-class architects.

WINNERS OF THE UIA 2023 TRIENNIAL PRIZES



The Vassilis Sgoutas Prize for Implemented Architecture Serving the Impoverished Laureates Marina Tabassum, Bangladesh

“ We were impressed by Marina Tabassum’s interrogation of a specific design problem and her innovation shown in coming up with a practical, technically well-resolved solution which is scalable by the ordinary person. We felt that this aspect of the project warrants recognition as it talks particularly to creating a

positive change and paradigm shift in the lives of the communities engaged with and beyond. She has made remarkable contributions in creating buildings in line with their natural environments and embracing the design challenges posed by the environment. ”

Honourable mentions Jalal Ahmed, Bangladesh

“ Jalal Ahmed’s projects are simple yet impressive projects that engage the people physically in planning new villages. He emphasises a sustainable and practical approach by using recycled materials and protecting locals from natural disasters. The humanitarian aspect of his work also concentrates on food security, taking people beyond the realm of architecture. His projects demonstrate a holistic approach dealing not only with shelter but also introducing alternative food security options and building awareness about social, civil and political rights. ”



THE VASSILIS SGOUTAS PRIZE FOR IMPLEMENTED ARCHITECTURE SERVING THE IMPOVERISHED: MARINA TABASSUM (BANGLADESH) AND ĐOÀN THANH HÀ (VIETNAM)



KHUDI – BARI THE MODULAR MOBILE HOUSE, designed to address housing needs for landless char dwellers as part of a climate adaptation strategy. These low-cost, durable units can be swiftly assembled and disassembled with minimal labor. Incorporating local materials and a spaceframe structure, the design marries modern innovation with traditional Bengal delta architecture. Named "Khudi Bari" meaning "tiny house," the compact 128-square-foot footprint offers elevated living to combat flash flooding, providing a culturally appropriate and resilient housing solution. The advantage of Khudi Bari is as follows:

1. It is a modular system. The module can be multiplied and added in case of larger spatial requirement.
2. An 8'X8' footprint house with two levels made with bamboo and steel cost GBP300 (BDT 35,000).
3. It has two levels. The lower level can be used for domestic purpose and or income generation purposes. The upper level is planned as a sleeping area.
4. Two levels can have added advantage in case of flooding.
5. The structure is light weight and requires minimum number of components. As such it is easy to dismantle and move in case of emergency.
6. It requires three people to assemble the structure in three

to four days' time.

7. It is easy to assemble. The main components which are steel joints are the primary investment in each modular house. In case of emergency evacuation, the only components of the house that need to be rescued and taken along are the steel joints in order to build a house in a different location.

8. The bamboo arms of the structure can be easily replaced in case of decay or infestation.

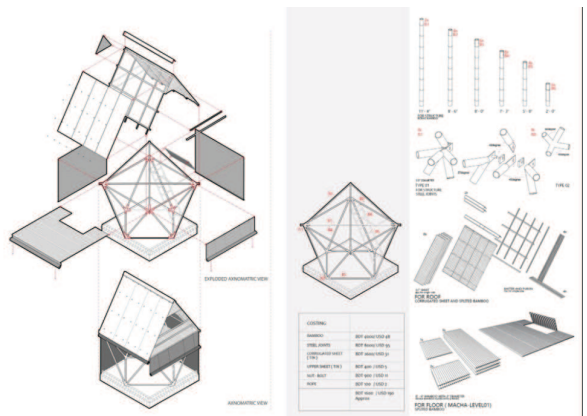
9. The steel joints can be handed down from one generation to the next as inheritance which is a cultural practice in these regions.

10. Mobility of the house give the dwellers the flexibility and freedom to move from one place to another in search of better life and living.

11. The modular house can be upgraded from bamboo to wood

or steel depending on affordability of the owner. Similarly, the façade materials and design are left to the owner's preference and aspiration.

This modular mobile house shows promise in addressing climate challenges and offers a versatile solution transcending geographical limitations. Its potential extends to flood-prone northern districts, providing resilience during flash flooding. The project's first phase involved constructing and testing the modular houses under FACE (Foundation for architecture and community equity). FACE is now collaborating with various agencies to deploy these units on the ground, starting with donations to assist landless individuals. This initiative aims to gather feedback on usage and experiences, informing further design enhancements.



THE ROBERT MATTHEW PRIZE FOR SUSTAINABLE AND HUMANE ENVIRONMENTS: HONORABLE MENTION JALAL AHMED BANGLADESH

DISAPPEARING LANDS Supporting Communities Affected by River Erosion

Team Members:
J A Architects Design Ltd.

Principal Architect: Ar. Jalal Ahmed
Team Leader: Ar. Rezaul Kabir,
Architect: Ar. Tauhid Hosain,
Civil Engineer: Engr. Md. Shamsul Alam
Cost Estimator: Engr. S M Obaydur Rahman

Practical Action Bangladesh has launched the "Disappearing Lands" project to aid communities affected by flood and river erosion. The project, supported by the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) of the United Kingdom and Practical Action, aims to develop cluster villages and multipurpose shelters for vulnerable populations in the region.

J.A. Architects Ltd. provided design consultancy for the project, ensuring self-sufficiency for the communities involved. Village layouts were based on local traditions, with houses clustered around courtyards serving as centers for communal activities. Each cluster

accommodates 10 households, complete with separate baths, latrines, and livestock sheds.

The project, funded with a \$1.9 million grant on a cost-sharing basis, integrates various elements to support community resilience, including community halls, schools, mosques, and shops. Innovative solutions such as cropping on infertile sandbars and floating gardens have been adopted to address resource limitations and enhance livelihoods.

Overall, the project showcases a comprehensive, integrated, and participatory disaster risk reduction model, facilitating the resettlement and livelihood restoration of affected communities.

Outcome of the project:

- The capacity of communities and support Institutions enhanced to incorporate disaster Mitigation strategies into natural resources Management and planning
- Unemployed and low-income men and women benefit through

improved income and employment opportunities through alternative livelihood options

- Disadvantaged men, women and children get improved access to basic services
- Disadvantaged men, women and children benefit from improved awareness and ability to articulate their civil and political rights.

The "Disappearing Lands" project sets a remarkable precedent for disaster-prone areas across Bangladesh. Its inclusive approach, engaging communities from the project's conceptualization to its implementation, serves as a beacon of inspiration. By providing sustainable housing solutions and integrating community needs, this model offers a blueprint for aiding homeless disaster-affected populations nationwide. It demonstrates the power of collective action in fostering resilience and rebuilding lives in the face of adversity.



Paschim Belkar char Village Just After Construction



Village School At Paschim Belkar Char



House Type-B: Paschim Belkar Char



Community Hall At Paschim Belkar Char

2023 FRIENDLY AND INCLUSIVE SPACES AWARDS HONORABLE MENTIONS (NEW BUILDINGS): SHAH MUHAMMAD MOHSHIN KHAN MAUSOLEUM



Honourable mention - New Buildings
"Shah Muhammad Mohshin Khan Mausoleum", by Ar. Md. Sharif Uddin Ahammed (Bangladesh)

The project is the ancestral Mausoleum (Dargah) in Hijuli, Manikgong. The Dargah aims to reminisce the memory of the "Pir" and develop an institution for exercising Islamic Knowledge for the betterment of society. Sufism was popular in Bengal since the eleventh Century due to the continued arrival of Sufis and their involvement in religious, missionary zeal, and humanitarian activities. The project is the Dargah for Sufi Pir of Uwaisi Tariqa, and he plays important role in spreading Islamic knowledge in the locality.

The project, 'Chandelier of Paradise', aims to connect souls with higher power through its roof, metaphorically representing the journey from earthly existence to paradise. Inspired

by Sultani period mosques and tombs, the Dargah integrates local culture and resources into its design. The 36'x36' square plan, inspired by traditional Bengal huts, creates an intimate scale. The structure features 36 circles on the ceiling and reinvented repetitive turrets on the side elevations for natural lighting and ventilation. Utilizing red bricks from nearby fields, the Dargah achieves uniformity and iconic status. It serves as a space for Islamic discussions and community decisions, attracting participation from all genders and ages, especially during Urus festivals. The project evokes memories of childhood 'Pir Bari' traditions, fostering community engagement and spreading Islamic knowledge and practice.

UIA PRESIDENT ELECTION

Ar. Md. Ishtiaque Zahir has been nominated by the Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) for the presidency of the Union of International Architects (UIA) in the 2030 elections. Currently serving as the Vice President of Region-4 (Asia and Oceania) within UIA, Zaheer has demonstrated exceptional dedication to various international initiatives. With extensive experience, including roles within IAB since 2003 and as treasurer of Architect Regional Council, Asia (ARCASIA) since 2009, Zaheer is well-equipped for this leadership position. Despite Bangladesh's recent entry into the UIA, Zaheer's nomination reflects the country's commitment to global architectural advancement. Though unsuccessful this year, Bangladesh remains dedicated to enhancing architecture in collaboration with UIA in future endeavors.



THE XXIXTH UIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ELECTED A NEW COUNCIL FOR THE 2023-2026 TERM

The XXIXth UIA General Assembly has elected Regina Gonthier from Switzerland as the new President for the 2023-2026 term. Gonthier, a distinguished Swiss architect, brings extensive experience and a commitment to progress. She is the third woman

to lead the Union since its inception in 1948. In her address, she emphasized the importance of redefining the UIA's global mission and engaging with the younger generation. Gonthier's priorities include promoting unity, equity,

sustainability, and professionalism within the profession. Congratulations to President Gonthier and the newly elected Council—we look forward to a bright future for architecture under their leadership!



POPULATION DENSITY CAN BE DHAKA'S WEALTH: IAB HOSTS INAUGURAL SETTLEMENT SPEECH

In a momentous event on July 16 Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) inaugurated its first settlement speech titled "ঢাকাবাসীদের নিয়ে ঢাকা" (Dhakabasider Niye Dhaka), invited planners interacted with architects at this event at IAB Center on urbanization. Presentation by Urban Planner Mohammad Fazole Reza Sumon, president, institute of planners, Md Ashrafal Islam, chief town planner, Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk).

Open Discussion and Moderation:

The evening included an open discussion, skillfully moderated by Professor Adnan Morshed, Centre for Inclusive Architecture and Urbanism (Ci+AU)

The event served as a platform for architects, urban planners, and city enthusiasts to explore innovative ideas and approaches to city development.



MEMBERSHIP ENLISTMENT DRAWING CHECKING SUB COMMITTEE (MEDSC)

One of the important steps in the 3-step induction test for full members is to check the design quality of the projects that the applicant members have worked on for 2 years as full members. In the first phase, this program was conducted by the Membership Advisory Committee (MAC), but later, as the number of applicants for the full membership examination increased at a large rate, the Membership Enlistment Drawing Checking Sub Committee was formed with 13 full members, subject to the permission of the Executive Council. (MEDSC) was constituted.

The first meeting of this committee was held on July 11, 2023.



DISCUSSION MEETING ON WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE

On September 4th, 2023, the IAB Center was graced by the presence of the renowned Architect, Madhavi Desai. She delivered a captivating talk on "Women Architects in India: Historical and Contemporary Challenges," which left us all inspired and enlightened. Ar. Desai's discourse shed light on the historical and contemporary challenges faced by women architects in India. Her research unveiled the often-overlooked contributions of women architects to the rich tapestry of architectural history in South Asia. She beautifully contextualized the remarkable work of women architects within the broader challenge of limited archival resources. In recognition of her outstanding Talk, IAB President, Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, honored Ar. Desai with a crest as a heartfelt note of appreciation. During this event, Dr. Shabbir made an exciting announcement: the formation of a dedicated committee for Women Architects in Practice. This marks a significant step towards fostering inclusivity and empowering women in the field of architecture.



Stay tuned as we embark on this empowering journey and continue to celebrate diversity and excellence in architecture!

INAUGURAL MEETING OF WORKING COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The first meeting of the Working Committee of International Accreditation of IAB was held today, with Architect Dr. Mahbubur Rahman presiding as the chair. The primary focus of today's meeting was the preparation of IAB for membership in the Canberra Accord.



CITY DESIGN AR. FAROOQ AMEEN



Renowned architect and urban designer, Farooq Ameen, recently delivered an insightful public lecture that captivated audiences with his exploration of the transformative power of city design. Drawing from his vast experience spanning three continents, Ameen showcased the profound impact of urban interventions on shaping vibrant urban communities.

In his lecture, Ameen highlighted the evolution of city design in the current millennium, emphasizing the implementation of interventions at various scales to revitalize urban spaces. Attendees were treated to a journey that showcased innovative approaches to city planning and the revitalization of urban transects.

Ameen's expertise and engaging presentation style left attendees inspired and informed, providing valuable insights into the dynamic field of urban design. The event served as a platform for dialogue and exchange, fostering a deeper understanding of the role of architecture and urban planning in shaping the cities of tomorrow.



"CLIMATE ADAPTIVE DESIGN SOLUTIONS FOR GARMENT FACTORIES"

The growing industrialization in Bangladesh, fueled by its expanding economic capacity, is prompting architects to take on new roles, including the design of shipyards. Against this backdrop, a timely and relevant presentation titled "Climate Adaptive Design Solutions for Garment Factories" took center stage.

Renowned architect, researcher, and educator Dr. Mohtaz Hossain shared insights from his groundbreaking research during the presentation. Notably, Dr. Hossain's research has garnered recognition, including a nomination for the prestigious "Royal Institute of British

Architects (RIBA) President's Medal for Research 2020," alongside several other awards. The presentation delved into innovative approaches aimed at adapting garment factories to climate challenges, reflecting Bangladesh's proactive stance towards sustainable industrial development. Attendees gained valuable insights into climate-resilient design strategies that are increasingly vital in the face of environmental changes. Dr. Mohtaz Hossain's expertise and research findings underscored the importance of integrating sustainability principles into industrial infrastructure, setting a

precedent for future projects in Bangladesh and beyond. The event provided a platform for meaningful discussions and collaborations aimed at fostering resilient and environmentally conscious industrial practices.



IAB SIGNED A MOU WITH THE AIM OF COLLABORATING ON GLOBAL CHALLENGES PERTAINING TO SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION AND CLIMATE ACTION



IAB has signed a significant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with prestigious organizations including the Antigua & Barbuda Institute of Architects, Architectural Association of Kenya, Australian Institute of Architects, and others. This collaboration aims to address global challenges related to sustainable urbanization and climate action.

and capacity building. We are excited about the opportunities this alliance will provide and remain committed to resilient and climate-adaptive designs for a better society and planet.

This partnership will facilitate the development of architectural expertise and promote sustainability, climate literacy,

ARCASIA : ZONE A PRESIDENTS MEETING



On August 19, 2023, Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, President of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), joined counterparts from Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and the Maldives for the 'ARCASIA Zone A Presidents Meeting' in Male, Maldives. The meeting, chaired by ARCASIA President Prof. Dr. Abu Sayeed and coordinated by Ar. Russell Dandemiya, VP Zone A from Sri Lanka, brought together leaders to address regional architectural challenges. The gathering commenced with presentations from each country,

providing insights into their respective architectural landscapes and highlighting key issues. Subsequently, in-depth discussions ensued, focusing on challenges specific to Zone A and potential avenues for collaboration and improvement. As a result of this constructive dialogue, several significant executive decisions were made. These included plans to reinvigorate SAARCH (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation in Architecture), foster academic exchanges, and promote professional development initiatives across the

region. One notable highlight of the meeting was the inclusion of the Maldives as a new member of ARCASIA Zone A. This expansion signifies a broader representation within the zone, now comprising seven countries in total, and opens up opportunities for increased collaboration and exchange of ideas. The meeting concluded with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to addressing shared challenges while advancing the architectural profession in the region.

CHANGES FOR GOOD

FIRST MEETING OF THE IAB CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE




The inaugural session of the "Constitution Review Committee" of the 25th Executive Council of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) convened on August 12, 2023, at the IAB office. Chaired by the President of the 25th Executive Council, Professor Dr. Khandaker Sabbir Ahmed, the meeting saw in-depth deliberations and proposals concerning the constitution of IAB. Led by Architect Muhammad Ali Naqi, Vice President (National Affairs) of IAB, the committee discussed formulating a policy to delineate the scope and objectives of amending the

Constitution and Union Rules, subject to approval by the Executive Council. The meeting was graced by the presence of Architect Nabi Nawaz Khan, General Secretary of IAB, who served as the member secretary. A comprehensive array of members attended the meeting, including Vice President (International Affairs) Ar. Khan Md. Mahfuzul Haque, Assistant General Secretary Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, and Editor (Profession) Ar. Md. Nazmul Haque Bulbul. Former Presidents of IAB, Ar. Jalal Ahmed, Ar. Kazi Golam Nasir, and Ar. Dr. Abu Saeed M. Ahmed (also President of Arkasia) also contributed

valuable insights. The committee further included members such as Ar. Mustafa Amin, Ar. ASM Ismail, Ar. Dr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman, Ar. ABM Mahbubul Malik, and Ar. Md Masudur Rahman Khan, among others. Ar. Md. Khairul Enam and Ar. Uttam Kumar Saha joined the discussion online. The meeting marked the beginning of a significant process aimed at refining the institutional framework of IAB to better serve the architectural community's present and future needs.

'NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR HERITAGE PROTECTION'

In order to protect the heritage and culture, the Ministry of Culture has been called upon to form a 'National Heritage Protection Committee' consisting of eminent architects, civil society, teachers, intellectuals, journalists and various professionals



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IAB FULL MEMBERSHIP EXAM CHATTOGRAM



On August 18, 2023, the 25th Executive Council of IAB successfully conducted the first written examination for full membership at the Chattogram Chapter. Eleven associate members participated in the written test, with five candidates successfully passing through the design test and interview. IAB Assistant General Secretary Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid and Secretary (Membership) Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel were physically present at the Chattogram Chapter office to oversee the exam. They were joined by the IAB Chittagong Branch Committee Vice Chairman Ar. Faruk Ahmed, General Secretary Ar. Fazle Imran Chowdhury, Editor Membership Ar. Hossain Murad, and Ar. Golam Rabbani Chowdhury, who conducted the oral examinations for the successful candidates. Additionally, Membership Advisory Committee Chairperson and IAB Vice President (National Affairs)

Prof. Ar. Mohammad Ali Naqi and other members participated online.

To prepare candidates for this examination, an Examination Preparation Workshop was organized on August 10, 2023, covering the Dhaka and Chattogram Metropolitan Building (Construction, Development, Preservation and Removal) Rules 2008. Architect Golam Rabbani Chowdhury led detailed discussions during the workshop, helping to clarify key concepts for the examinees. This event marked the fulfillment of the long-standing expectations of architects in Chattogram. Moving forward, this exam will be held regularly in Chattogram, ensuring consistent opportunities for professional advancement within the region.

PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO FORMATION OF BBRA



The Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI), under the guidance of the Ministry of Housing and Public Works, has initiated the process of forming the Bangladesh Building Regulatory Authority (BBRA) in coordination with relevant stakeholders. On August 20, 2023, a pivotal meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Director General of HBRI, gathering all stakeholders to discuss the formation of BBRA. During the meeting, participants provided recommendations and it was proposed that professional organizations submit their opinions and suggestions in written form. To facilitate this, a committee consisting of an Advisory Council and a Working Committee has been established to consolidate views and recommendations regarding the implementation of BBRA.

Preliminary proposals have been shared with members, and their opinions, recommendations, and suggestions have been solicited. Based on the feedback received, the final recommendations will be prepared and forwarded to the Director General of HBRI. Steps are already being taken to ensure the proper implementation of these

recommendations. This collaborative effort aims to strengthen building regulations and enhance the built environment in Bangladesh, reflecting the collective expertise and insights of all stakeholders involved.



A DISCUSSION ON BANGABANDHU: BUILDING BANGLADESH

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) recently organized a thought-provoking discussion titled "Bangabandhu: Building Bangladesh," shedding light on the profound influence of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the nation's development and architectural landscape.

Ar. Yafes Osman, Honorable Minister for Science and Technology, shared heartfelt memories of the liberation war and his personal connection with Bangabandhu. His reflections underscored the importance of collaboration among professionals for national progress.

Chief Guest Mr. M. A. Mannan, Honorable Planning Minister,

recounted his journey shaped by Bangabandhu's visionary leadership. He expressed gratitude for the transformative opportunities provided by Bangabandhu and Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. President of the 25th Executive Council of IAB, Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, emphasized the need to uplift rural economies and bridge urban-rural disparities in alignment with Bangabandhu's inclusive vision. He unveiled the institute's proposals for architect cadre deployment in upazilas and districts, alongside efforts to preserve modern heritage and historical sites.

Ar. Uttam Kumar Sahar's rendition of 'Sarthak Ae Janam Amar' added a patriotic touch to

the event, while the Chief Guest graciously accepted Ar. Tanveer Nawaz's book of work. The event served as a testament to Bangabandhu's enduring legacy, encapsulating a blend of historical inspiration and future aspirations that resonate patriotically, shaping Bangladesh's development trajectory.



POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION: CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF STHAPATTYACHARJO MUZHARUL ISLAM

In honor of the 11th death anniversary of Ar. Muzharul Islam, the founder president of IAB, a poster design competition was organized to celebrate his life and legacy. The competition was conducted in two phases, as decided by the esteemed jurors.

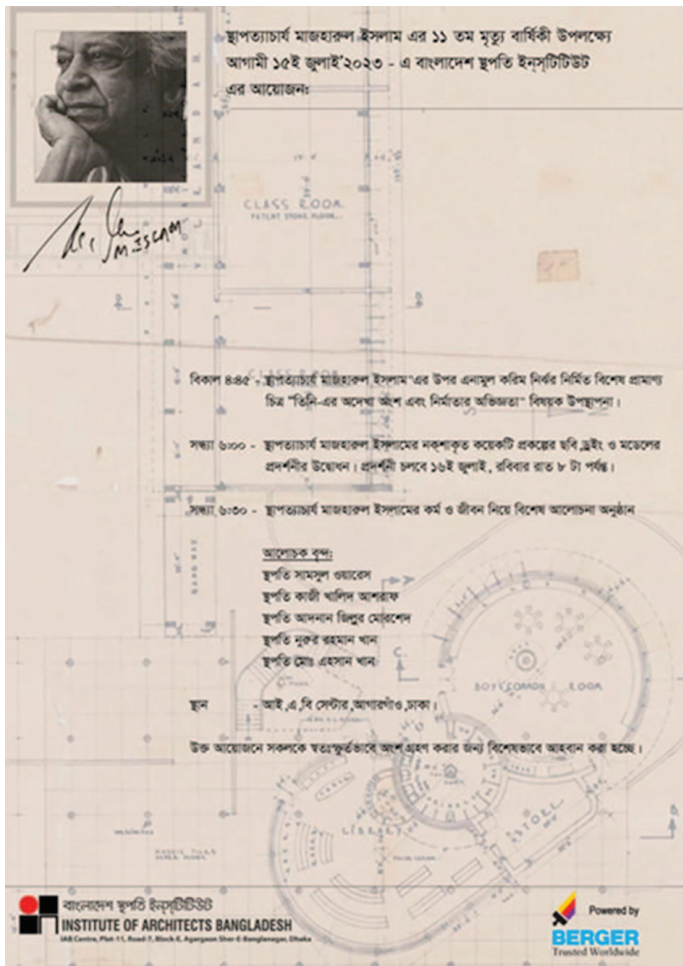
The theme of the 1st phase was "Modern Heritage and Muzharul Islam." Out of 12 participants, three architects were selected by the jurors to advance to the 2nd phase. The theme of the 2nd phase was "Advancing Modern Cultural Heritage."

In the final round, the jurors awarded Ar. Muhammad Shafayat Hussain (AH-391) as the first runner-up. Additionally, commendation awards were given to Ar. Gaurav Kundu (AK-231) and Ar. Md. Arman Alam (AA-565) for their outstanding contributions. This competition not only honored Ar. Muzharul Islam's legacy but also highlighted the ongoing importance of modern cultural heritage in architecture.



11TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF ARCHITECT MAZHARUL ISLAM POWERED BY BERGER

Special programs were held to commemorate the 11th death anniversary of architect Mazharul Islam. The event featured displays of drawings and models showcasing his notable projects. Additionally, a screening of the unseen portion of the film "Tini" by architect Enamul Karim Nirjhar was accompanied by the filmmaker's testimony. Furthermore, a poster design competition titled "Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Sthapattacharjo Mazharul Islam" was organized as part of the occasion.



IAB SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY 100 HOMES: MEETING



Preparatory meeting of Bhola-100 houses project team members at IAB CENTRE. In this meeting Mr. Mizanur Rahman Mukul and the Bhola travel coordinator are present on behalf of Sheltech Ceramics. In a remarkable act of social responsibility, Engr. Shamsul Alam has joined IAB's 100 home

program to tackle housing challenges in marginalized communities. During the initial phase, the engineer conducted surveys in Kachua, Sundarbans, and Ghesha, witnessing the harsh realities of poverty and suffering. Observing the detrimental effects of waterlogging on local

infrastructure, especially vulnerable temporary shelters (VITs), the engineer was inspired to seek innovative solutions for enhanced durability and resilience.

Back in Dhaka, he conducted a small-scale experiment mixing mud and straw cement. Despite a mishap where both pots were left out in the rain, the straw and cement mixture remained intact, offering hope for a cost-effective and durable foundation solution for VITI's (BANGLA TEXT).

Looking ahead, Mr. Alam aims to further refine their approach and extend research to other soil types. This initiative underscores the potential of grassroots innovations to make a significant impact on community development and resilience.

100 HOMES DESIGN MEETING



The design team for the 100 HOMES PROJECT met at the IAB Centre 5th September. This time, the team was tasked with designing 21 houses for the marginalized villagers in Bhola.

100 HOMES KACHUA SURVEY

IAB Social Responsibility Committee is making strides in housing development for rural marginal people with a project to construct 100 homes across 8 regions in Bangladesh. With each house cost at approximately 2 lakh takas, funding is sourced from IAB members and other avenues, potentially increasing the number of homes based on available funds.

Currently, the focus is on constructing seven houses in remote villages of Kachua Upazila and the Sundarbans area. Under the supervision of Ar. Shibu Bosu from Khulna University's Architecture Discipline, in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Sheikh Serajul Hakim and three master's level students, this project aims to address rural housing needs in the Southern part of Bangladesh.



100 HOMES BHOLA SURVEY

A team of 28 architects and multiple engineers is heading to Bhola to survey 40 houses, facilitated by Sheltech Ceramics Ltd. Previous trips to Kochua saw participants covering their own expenses, but this time, the entire trip, including travel, accommodation, and meals, is generously covered by Sheltech

Ceramics Ltd. The Bhola project is led by Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, Chairman, the Department of Architecture, Southeast University. Plans are already in motion for the next project site in Moheshkhali, Cox's Bazar, scheduled for November 2023.



After the survey of rural houses on Saturday, the survey report of all groups is now being reviewed.

PLEA 2024 CONFERENCE



Great news for sustainable design innovators! The abstract submission deadline for the PLEA 2024 Conference has been extended to August 30, 2023. This offers a prime opportunity to contribute your insights to the global conversation on sustainable architecture and urban design. Scientific Committee members, get ready to review submissions in early September. Don't miss this chance to make your mark on the future of sustainable design!



Learn more: <https://plea2024.pl/>

UNDERSTANDING A COMMUNITY STORIES OF PEOPLE & PLACE

Ar. Dilruba Ferdous Shubra recently delivered an engaging presentation titled "Understanding a Community: Stories of People and Place" at IAB. The event, held on August 30 at 6:30 pm, showcased Ferdous's expertise as an architect, educator, and researcher associated with FORM.3 ARCHITECTS, also teaching at BRAC University. The presentation delved into the philosophy of understanding people, their environment, and society, offering attendees valuable insights into the intricate connections between individuals and their surroundings. By exploring stories of communities and their lived experiences, Ar. Ferdous inspired a deeper appreciation for the complexities of human life and the built environment. Attendees gained valuable perspectives on the interplay between architecture, culture,

and society, with Ar. Ferdous providing unique insights drawn from her extensive practice and research. The event was an enlightening exploration of the multifaceted relationships between people and place, offering new perspectives and ideas for architectural and community development. Ar. Ferdous's presentation left a lasting impression on attendees, inspiring them to rethink their approaches to architecture and community engagement, and fostering a greater understanding and appreciation for the diverse narratives that shape our built environment.



INITIAL DISCUSSION OF 25TH EC, IAB WITH BANGLADESH BUSINESS AND DISABILITY NETWORK (BBDN)

An initial discussion of the 25th EC, IAB was held on 4 September 2023 with the members of Bangladesh Business and Disability Network (BBDN).

Bangladesh Business and Disability Network (BBDN) is a unique network of employers and employers' associations formed in collaboration with disability-focused organizations, organizations of persons with disabilities, NGOs and development partners. The organization aims to create a more disability inclusive labor market.

The discussion was attended by Aziza Ahmed and Ghulam Kibria from Bangladesh Business and Disability Network (BBDN), joined online by Murteza Rafi Khan. On behalf of the 25th EC, IAB, IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, Ar.

Muhammad Ali Naqi, Vice-President (National Affairs), Ar. K.M Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul, Vice-President (International Relations), Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, General Secretary, Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid, Assistant General Secretary, Ar. Dr. Md. Nawrose Fatemi, Secretary (Education), and Ar. Md Shafiu Azam Shamim, Secretary Publication and Publicity.

During the discussion, IAB expressed his interest in connecting with BBDN on various mutual cooperation issues like training, guidance, workshop, skill training, recruitment opportunities etc. to create an inclusive labor market for disabled people. It was also suggested that the process could be expedited through a later MoU.



FIRST MEETING OF IAB OFFICE BEARERS

IAB's 25th Executive Council Accelerates Activities with Monthly Office Bearers' Meetings. In a proactive move to enhance the pace of IAB's activities, the 8th executive meeting of the 25th executive council, held on August 28, 2023, resolved to convene monthly meetings of office bearers. The inaugural meeting took place on September 4, 2023, at the IAB office, chaired by President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, with Assistant General Secretary Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid as the member secretary. Among the attendees were Ar. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Vice President (National Affairs); Ar. K.M Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul, Vice President (International Relations); Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, General Secretary; and Ar. Mir Md Naian Sakib, Treasurer. Discussions during the meeting centered on several pivotal issues concerning general management, member interests,



the upcoming IAB Award 2023, the Abdullatif Al Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture, as well as plans for the IAB Convention and IAB Build-Expo 2023. In alignment with the Executive Council's decision, future office bearers' meetings are slated to occur on the first Monday of every month. This initiative reflects the council's commitment to fostering proactive communication and addressing key matters

promptly, ensuring the smooth functioning of IAB activities and the satisfaction of its members.

IAB DELEGATION MEETS WITH DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF BANGLADESH BANK



A delegation from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), headed by President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, convened with Mr. Kazi Sayedur Rahman, Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank, at his office. Accompanying President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed were Ar. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Vice President (National Affairs), and Ar. Nabi Nawaz Khan, General Secretary of IAB. The meeting served as a platform for the delegation to articulate the scope of IAB's work and its significant contributions to government policy-making processes.

Key discussions revolved around the potential collaboration between architects and Bangladesh Bank, particularly in the realm of "Green and

Sustainable Projects." The delegation emphasized the pivotal role architects can play in the Bank's initiatives, including "Green and Export Oriented Donor Funded Projects." Furthermore, deliberations encompassed policy recommendations to reduce carbon footprints in Energy Efficient Buildings and proposals for affordable housing for marginalized groups. The issue of tax rebates for apprentice architects and their employing firms also received serious consideration from the Deputy Governor.

The Deputy Governor expressed keen interest in incorporating IAB's expertise in design competitions for future Bangladesh Bank buildings. Additionally, he sought IAB's

assistance in preserving the Bank's historical structures. Recognizing the potential for fruitful collaboration, the Deputy Governor expressed the importance of maintaining regular communication between Bangladesh Bank and IAB. Both parties agreed to further discussions and to consider signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize their partnership. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to explore avenues for joint initiatives that would benefit both the architectural community and the objectives of Bangladesh Bank.

FUNDAMENTALS FOR TERTIARY EDUCATORS



IAB's 25th Executive Council Advances Professional Development for University Teachers

On September 13, 2023, the 25th Executive Council of IAB held a workshop titled "Fundamentals for Tertiary Educators," led by Ar. Fahmid Ahmed, Education Partnerships Coordinator of TAFE SA. This workshop aimed to enhance the quality of architectural education by equipping university teachers with essential skills in course design, interactive teaching methodologies, and objective student assessment.

Ar. Fahmid Ahmed's expertise provided participants with insights into aligning courses with modern educational standards. The interactive sessions introduced contemporary presentation techniques to make lectures more engaging and informative. Additionally, the workshop offered strategies for objective student performance assessment, fostering a conducive learning environment. This initiative underscores the Executive Council's commitment to advancing architectural education and empowering university teachers with the tools and knowledge necessary to nurture future architects.



DAP GAZETTE WITH MODIFICATION

On September 20, 2023, the revision of the 'Depressed Zone Plan 2022-35' was gazette, adding a new dimension to the approval of building/establishment plans and architectural design in Dhaka Metropolis. This new approach creates questions, conflicts and complications in some areas of the design and approval process.



INAUGURATION OF WEEK-LONG EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR ON AGA KHAN AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), in collaboration with the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, presents a week-long exhibition showcasing Bangladesh's architectural brilliance. The event, held at the IAB Centre in Agargaon from September 16th to 30th, features award-winning projects, models, drawings, and photographs.

The inauguration ceremony on September 16th marked the exhibition's commencement, followed by a seminar titled "INCLUSIVE ARCHITECTURE: A Seminar on the Aga Khan Award for Architecture." This event celebrates Bangladesh's recognition in the global architectural arena, with two projects receiving the prestigious Aga Khan Award for Architecture in the 2022 cycle.

The exhibition aims to highlight the innovative and impactful work of Bangladeshi architects. The seminar will explore the principles of inclusive architecture, showcasing how the award-winning projects embody inclusivity in design and execution. It will include presentations and panel discussions, offering valuable insights into the architectural significance and social impact of these projects.

Architects, students, and enthusiasts are invited to join this event, which promises to be a



celebration of architectural excellence and a platform for meaningful discussions on inclusive design. Public seminars and exhibitions have been organized in

association with the Aga-Khan Award for Architecture, which will later be shown as traveling exhibitions across the country.



COMMITTEE MEETING ADVANCES PREPARATION OF IAB ARCHITECTURAL TERMINOLOGY DICTIONARY

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On September 21, 2023, the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) held a crucial meeting to advance the Architectural Terminology Dictionary. Chaired by IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed, the meeting focused on progress

updates and strategies for expediting the dictionary's development and publication. Key attendees included Committee chair Ar. Md. Mahfuzur Rahman, Member Secretary Ar. M. M. Rashidul Hassan, Ar. Dr. Md. Rashed

Bhuyan, Ar. Mohammad Tahajjibul Hossain, and Mrs. Saira Habib from the Bangla Academy.

The discussions aimed to enhance the preparation process's efficiency and ensure the dictionary's accuracy. The collaborative efforts of the committee highlight IAB's dedication to promoting architectural excellence. The forthcoming dictionary will be a valuable resource for architects, students, and enthusiasts, facilitating clearer communication and a deeper understanding of architectural concepts and terminology.

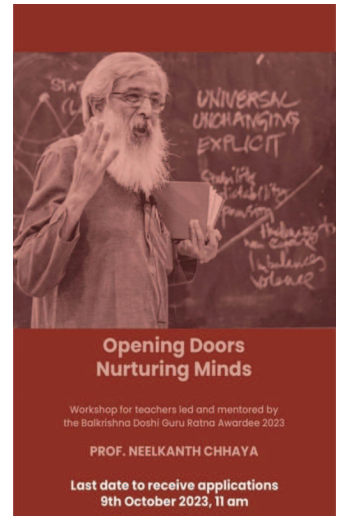
OPENING DOORS.... NURTURING MINDS!

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) is thrilled to announce a transformative workshop for architecture teachers led and mentored by the esteemed Balkrishna Doshi Guru Ratna Awardee 2023, Professor Neelkanth Chhaya. Scheduled for December 4th, 2023, this workshop promises to be a life-changing opportunity for educators in the field of architecture.

Prof. Chhaya is an architect and academic who has been practicing in Ahmedabad since 1987. He graduated in Architecture from CEPT in the 70s and moved to Kenya where he set up his architectural practice and taught at the University of Nairobi. After moving back to India, he started the Mandala Design Services in Vadodara, with partners Kallol

Joshi and Sohan Neelkanth. He taught at the FA from 1987 to 2013, when he retired as the Dean of the Faculty, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this workshop. Participants will have the unique opportunity to learn from his insights, perspectives, and mentoring, gaining invaluable insights into pedagogical practices and architectural education.

This workshop is designed to empower architecture teachers with innovative teaching methodologies, pedagogical strategies, and insights into the evolving landscape of architectural education. It aims to equip educators with the tools and knowledge necessary to inspire and nurture the next generation of architects.



4th December 2023 - 7th December 2023
at Vishvashilpa Foundation, Sangath, Ahmedabad, India

To register, kindly fill in the form provided in the link.
For any questions, write to info@iabgathering.org

ASIAN CONGRESS OF ARCHITECTS

BORACAY ISLAND, PHILIPPINES, 18-22 SEPTEMBER, 2023

ARCASIA ACA 20:

"The 20th Asian Congress of Architects (ACA20) was held in Boracay Island, Philippines, from September 17-23, 2023, focusing on transformative shifts in the post-pandemic era, including sustainable urban development, climate resilience, and technology integration.

Eighty-two architects from Bangladesh participated, showcasing their expertise and commitment to architectural excellence. Key contributions were made by Ar. Dr. Md. Nawrose Fatemi (ACAE Committee), Ar. K.M Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul (ACSR Committee), Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan (ACGSA Committee), and Ar. Md. Nazmul Haq Bulbul (ACPP Committee). A significant highlight was the election of Ar. Farhana Sharmin as Chair of the ARCASIA Committee on Social



Responsibility, underscoring Bangladesh's dedication to sustainable development.

The current leadership of ARCASIA, including the President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, comprises

esteemed IAB members, further strengthening Bangladesh's influential role within the organization. The achievements at ACA20 reflect Bangladesh's commitment to architectural excellence, innovation, and global social responsibility.

ARCASIA COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY [ACSR]

In the ARCASIA Social Responsibility committee as Bangladesh official representative Ar. K.M Mahfuzul Huq in the Philippines. Abdullah Rumman from Chattogram chapter as the official observer in ACSR committee of ARCASIA.



ARCASIA COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION [ACAE]

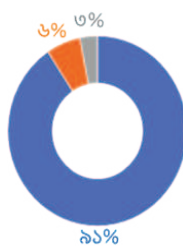


A team of 3 members from IAB participated in the 43rd meeting of ARCASIA Committee on Architectural Education [ACAE]. The meeting was held last September 18 in Boracay Island, Philippines organized by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP). It included participants representing more than 20 Asian countries. The members of the IAB team are: Ar. Dr. Md Nowrose Fatemi (Representative), Ar. Sabrina Aftab (Observer), Ar. Naina Tabassum (Observer) The team presented a country report highlighting best practices in the architectural education sector in Bangladesh at the meeting.

ARCASIA COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (ACPP)



ARCASIA COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (ACPP) meeting held on October 18, 2023 in Boracay, Philippines decided on "Parameters for Cross Border Internships and Jobs" and IAB has taken appropriate action for this purpose.



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ARCASIA COMMITTEE ON GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE

Secretary Environment and Urbanization Presented on Net Zero Carbon Emissions at the ARCASIA Committee for Green and Sustainable Architecture meeting at the 20th Congress of ARCASIA, organized by ARCASIA, an association of Asian architects, on 18 September 2023.



ARCASIA COMMITTEE ON YOUNG ARCHITECTS (ACYA) PARTICIPATION IN 43RD MEETING

The ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA) held a key meeting on September 18, 2023, in Boracay Island, Philippines, with active participation from ARCASIA member countries, including a notable Bangladeshi delegation. Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid served as the Country Representative for Bangladesh, accompanied by Ar. Md. Shafiqul Azam Shamim, Secretary Publication and publicity and Ar. Ahsanul Haque Rubel, Secretary Membership, from the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB). The IAB delegation presented "Leadership Skills, Personal Skills, Advocacy Skills, and Mentorship." The ACYA meeting provided a platform for young architects to

share ideas and discuss issues, advancing the architectural profession in the region. The Bangladeshi delegation's involvement highlights the

country's dedication to regional architectural dialogue and its commitment to enhancing the profession.



ARCASIA WELLNESS DESIGN GROUP MEETS IN BORACAY, PHILIPPINES

Today marked a significant milestone as the ARCASIA Wellness Design Group convened under the ARCASIA Social Responsibility Committee in Boracay, Philippines. The meeting delved into the crucial intersection of physical and mental wellness within architectural design and explored strategies for successful integration. A series of insightful presentations, spearheaded by Bangladeshi participants, garnered high praise from attendees. These presentations shed light on innovative approaches to incorporating wellness principles into architectural design, highlighting the importance of creating spaces that prioritize the holistic well-being of individuals. The discussions emphasized the



transformative potential of architecture in promoting wellness, both physically and mentally. Participants exchanged ideas and best practices, drawing inspiration from diverse perspectives and experiences.

The meeting served as a platform for collaboration and knowledge-sharing, reaffirming ARCASIA's commitment to advancing the principles of wellness within the architectural community.

PRESENTATION BY BANGLADESH PARTICIPANTS

Humayra Anan and Md. Mashuk UI Alam presented their paper titled, "The Process of Community-Led Development at Gabtoli City Colony: A Framework for Community Engagement and Social Resilience", in the 20th Asian Congress of Architects (ACA20) held at Boracay Island, Philippines on September 19, 2023. Their paper aimed to document the process of community engagement adopted by POCAA during the implementation of the project "Let's Co-Create Our Community (Doshe Mile Boshoti Gori) - Dhaka" at Gabtoli City Colony. The paper was authored by Humayra Anan, Mahmuda Alam and Md. Mashuk UI Alam.



ARCASIA CONGRESS



Hoisting of national flag with national anthem 20th september morning at Boracay, Philippines.



Official group photograph of ARCASIA Council members, Office Bearers and others, 20 September, Boracay island, Philippines.

ARCASIA AWARD NIGHT HONORING EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE!

The recent ARCASIA Awards for Architecture (AAA) ceremony held during the 20th Congress of Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) in the Philippines marked a significant milestone for Bangladesh's architectural community. Out of 697 global submissions, Bangladesh secured five medals, showcasing its talent and innovative design prowess.

Ar. Bayejid Mahbub Khondker won two gold medals for his Greenfield Factory of Karupannya Rangpur Limited, acclaimed in the Industrial Building and Socially Responsible Architecture categories. Ar. Mustafa Ameen received two honorable mentions for his projects "Digonto: Multi-family Residential Complexes" and "Public Amenity: Resort Buildings, SAIRU Hill Resorts," highlighting his innovative and context-respecting designs.

Additionally, Ar. Iqbal Habib and Ar. Ishtiaque Zahir Titas earned mentions for "BON ER BARI" (A FOREST RETREAT) in the single-family residential projects category, exemplifying sustainability and aesthetic appeal. These achievements underscore Bangladesh's growing influence in the international architectural arena, inspiring emerging architects and cementing the nation's commitment to excellence in design.



ARCASIA THESIS OF THE YEAR 2023 AND STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION 2023

STUDENT AWARD

The ARCASIA Student's Architectural Design Competition is a beacon of prestige, drawing participants from 23 Asian countries making it a coveted platform for empowering budding architects. This year's award ceremony, hosted on the picturesque Boracay Island in the Philippines on September 18, 2023, saw the eminent Adj. Prof. Ar. Adrianta Aziz, Chairman of ARCASIA Student's Architectural Design Competition 2023, announced Saik Wen Xuan as the celebrated winner. She represented Malaysia and UTM with exceptional design, seamlessly integrating functionality, aesthetics, and sustainability.

Background:

Participation in ARCASIA Thesis of the Year 2023 and Student Design Competition 2023

This year at national level each country is allowed to nominate 3 best projects to participate in the ARCASIA Thesis of the Year and Student Design Competition and these projects are then submitted to ARCASIA for the final evaluation round. The members as jury panel for national level selection are:

- Architect Professor Dr. Sheikh Sirajul Hakim

- Architect Md Rabiul Islam
- Architect Saika Iqbal

As per the recommendation of this jury panel, 3 best projects from IAB were nominated and submitted. Among them, two projects in the ARCASIA Thesis of the Year competition, the thesis project of architect Fahim Ashab Farooqi of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology won the silver medal and the thesis project of architect Ishrat Jahan of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology won the bronze medal. Fahim Ashab Farooque from Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) and Esrat Jahan from Bangladesh University of

Engineering and Technology (BUET) were awarded silver and bronze respectively, in the 'Thesis of the Year' category at the 20th Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) Congress, held on Boracay Island in the Philippines. Fahim received the silver medal in the ARCASIA 'Thesis of the Year' category for his thesis titled 'Echoes of Replenishment', which focused on optimizing large spaces.

Esrat Jahan, an architecture student, received a bronze award at the ARCASIA Thesis of the Year 2023 for her thesis titled "Transfiguring Social Architecture through Computational Carpentry". The thesis is focused on human existence and considers the inhabitants along the shore of Kutubdia in Cox's Bazar. Esrat designed a prototype structure

that serves as a 'community space' during normal times and as a refuge during calamities. The shelter is made using eco-friendly and locally available materials and was supervised by Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed and Maherul Kader Prince.

TOY ARCASIA 2023 is an international platform for undergraduate students and schools of architecture from ARCASIA member nations to showcase their thesis works, with the goal of improving the quality of architectural education in Asia through cross-border sharing of educational practices. Bangladeshi architects continue to shine on the global architectural stage, and we're proud of their accomplishments. This achievement signifies our commitment to excellence and innovation in architecture.



A SESSION WITH MS. VICTORIA HOBBDAY SENIOR PROGRAMME MANAGER AT THE PRINCE'S FOUNDATION



The 25th Executive Council (EC) of the IAB convened a session with Ms. Victoria Hobday, Senior Programme Manager at The Prince's Foundation. The Prince's Foundation is a crucial partner of the CAA in the "Call to Action on Sustainable Urbanization across the Commonwealth."

During the meeting at the IAB Centre on September 4th, Ms. Hobday explained "THE RAPID PLANNING TOOLKIT" by THE PRINCE'S FOUNDATION, detailing its global implementation, including right here in Bangladesh. The Executive Council extends heartfelt thanks to Ms. Victoria and The Prince's Foundation for their steadfast dedication and contributions to the cause of

sustainable urban development. The council eagerly anticipates observing the tangible outcomes of these initiatives. Ms. Victoria acknowledges the council's sentiments and acknowledges the potential and willingness to engage in collaborative efforts. The discussion delved into the intricacies of urban planning and action, and how can collaborate effectively with the relevant authorities.

IAB President, Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed led the discussion, expertly navigating the journey from initial proposal to the formulation of pivotal policies. His visionary leadership shone as we explored innovative approaches to sustainable urbanization. All other Executive Council

members are present at the meeting, including Ar. Mohammad Ali Naqi (VP National), Ar. K.M Mahfuzul Huq Zaglul (VP International), Ar. Nabi Newaz Khan (General Secretary), Ar. Dr. Masud Ur Rashid (Asst. General Secretary), Ar. Mir Md. Naian Sakib (Treasurer), Ar. Dr. Md. Nawrose Fatemi (Sec. Education), Ar. Md. Shafiul Azam Shamim (Sec. Publication & Publicity), Ar. Sabrina Aftab (Sec. Seminar & Convention), Ar. Mohammed Ziaul Sharif (Sec. Heritage & Culture) and Ar. Sujaul Islam Khan (Sec. Environment & Urbanization). Stay tuned for more updates as we continue our journey towards a more sustainable and vibrant urban future!

PARTICIPATION IN ARCASIA STUDENT JAMBOREE 2023

Five students from Bangladesh recently participated in the ARCASIA Student Jamboree in Boracay, Philippines, representing their country at the international event. Selected through interviews by IAB and architecture departments of 13 accredited universities, these students showcased their talent and dedication on a global platform, highlighting Bangladesh's commitment to fostering young architectural talent. The Student Jamboree was held on the island of Boracay in the Philippines from September 17-25 this year. Participating students are:

1. Nazifa Nawar Subha (BUET)
2. Aditya Chowdhury (AUST)
3. Azmaine Armin Pritu (UAP)
4. Md Taukir Hossain (KU)
5. Md. Tawhidur Rahman (SU)



BOOK LAUNCHING "A GOOD ARCHITECTURE DEPENDS ON A GOOD CLIENT" BY AR. PROF. DR. NIZAMUDDIN AHMED

On September 30th, 2023, the IAB Center hosted an event bringing together architects and authors to celebrate the launch of Ar. Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed's latest book, "A Good Architecture Depends on a Good Client." The evening featured engaging discussions, cultural performances, and esteemed guests.

Ar. Mohammad Ali Naqi warmly welcomed attendees, including Prof. Muntassir Mamoon and Architect Khadim Ali, contributors to the book. Highlights included a dialogue on preserving architectural history and captivating performances by Prof. Dr. Zebun Nasreen Ahmed and singer Tanzir Tuhin.

Honored to have Dr. Dipu Moni, our honorable Education Minister, as Chief Guest, who emphasized the importance of architectural literature. IAB President Ar. Prof. Dr. Khandaker Shabbir Ahmed shared an exciting idea – introducing basic architecture at the primary education level. Her enthusiasm for this initiative was palpable, and we're eager to see it come to fruition. She also took a moment to explore the exhibition featuring AGA Khan award-winning Bangladeshi architecture. As the event concluded, Ar. Mohammad Ali Naqi, Vice-President National, expressed gratitude to all

participants, reflecting on the collaborative spirit of the architectural community.



IAB CHATTAGRAM CHAPTER

On July 11, 2023 at 7 pm at IAB, Chittagong Chapter office, the second discussion meeting on "Chittagong Metropolitan Master Plan (2020-2041)" was held between Chittagong Development Authority, Architects and Planners.



3rd Workshop titled "ARCHITECTURE AND TALL BUILDING" presented by Architect Md. Ehsan Khan was held on September 02, 2023 at Seminar Room (6th Floor), IEB Bhawan, S.S. Held at Khaled Road, Chittagong.



IAB KHULNA CENTER ENACTED RULES NOTIFICATION MEETING

Regarding "Building Construction Rules 2023" made by Khulna Development Authority on 21st September 2023 I. A. B. A meeting was organized to inform all the members of the Khulna Center.



IAB SYLHET CENTER

IAB Sylhet Center organized two semi-annual meetings last January and July. Various aspects of Sylhet's architectural practice were discussed in the meeting. Besides, on August 31st, Victoria Hobday, the representative of the Princess Foundation of the United Kingdom, met with the representatives of the IAB Sylhet Center. In the meeting, the possibility of joint venture between Princess Foundation and IAB Sylhet Center was discussed.

In the meeting, in collaboration with Princess Foundation, Sylhet IAB, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and Architecture Department of Leading University, it was decided to formulate master plan and coordinated research of Sylhet City Corporation area. The meeting was presided over by Professor Ar. Syeda Zarina Hossain, President of IAB Sylhet Center.

General Secretary of IAB Sylhet Center Ar. Rajan Das, Treasurer Ar. Kawshik Saha, Member Ar. Shubhajit Chowdhury, Ar. Md. Shawkat Jahan Chowdhury, Ar. Subrata Das and Ar. Tanvir Hasan were also present in the meeting.



IAB RAJSHAHI CENTER IAB RAJSHAHI CENTER MARKS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH VIBRANT ARCHITECTURAL RALLY

IAB Rajshahi Center has crossed one year from being a newborn baby on September 23, 2023. Many events, changes and expansions have taken place in this one year with pomp and ceremony.

Since the grand opening of the center, the movement of architects in Rajshahi city has accelerated. As a result of which a rally was held under the banner of IAB on World HABITATE Day.



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IAB ANNUAL SPORTS FESTIVAL 2023!

Sport has the power to transform lives, strengthen bonds, and promote peace and respect for all. We're thrilled to announce this year's IAB Annual Sports Carnival, aligning with the United Nations theme for the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace 2023: "Scoring for People and the Planet."

This year, we're introducing Chess and Carrom to engage all our esteemed members, including female members. Let's come together, have fun, and make this event a resounding success!

Save the Date: 03-30 November 2023

Let's score for people and the planet, fostering sustainable development and peace through the power of sport!

Stay tuned for more details and get ready for an unforgettable day of sports and camaraderie!



The poster features a large, stylized red 'IAB ANNUAL SPORTS FESTIVAL 2023' text in the center. To the right, there are icons for Chess, Carrom, and various sports like basketball, tennis, and badminton. At the top right, the IAB logo and 'IAB ANNUAL SPORTS FESTIVAL 2023' are displayed. At the bottom left, there is a globe icon and the tagline 'Scoring for People and the Planet'. At the bottom right, the IAB logo and 'INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS BANGLADESH' are shown. The dates '03 NOVEMBER - 30 NOVEMBER' are also present.

IAB ANNUAL SPORTS FESTIVAL 2023
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"Scoring for People and the Planet"

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INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS BANGLADESH

*Registration deadline: 18 October (Please check e-mail for further detail)

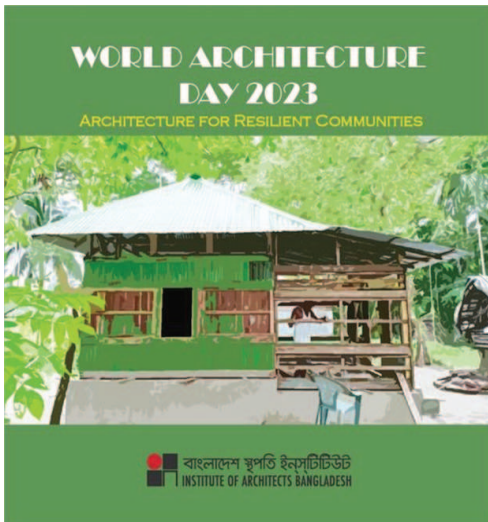
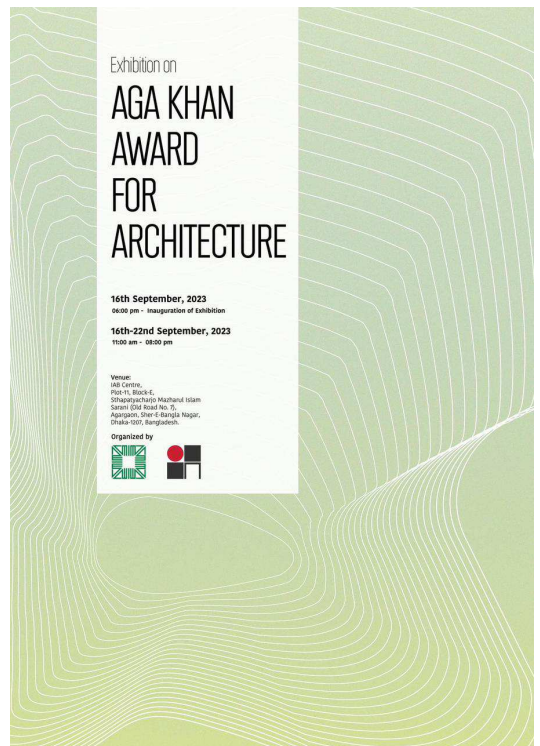
OBITUARY

IAB mourns the loss of Fellow Architect Nargis Tanziman Ara (A-049), who passed away on July 5, 2023, at 5:00 PM in Dhaka. A graduate of BUET in 1983, she dedicated her career to architecture, retiring as the Chief Urban Architect of RAJUK. She battled kidney disease in her final days. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Architect Mir Al Amin Chenghish and their family. May the departed soul of Architect Nargis Tanziman Ara find eternal peace.





National Day of Mourning
15th August



World Architecture Day

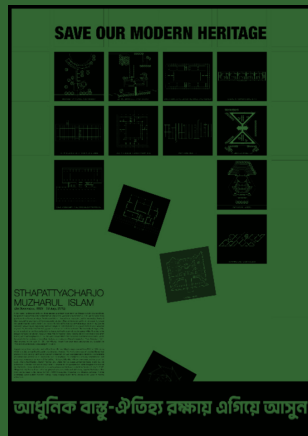




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Apart from this, a number of Round Table Talks were organized at the UIA Pavilion, where internationally renowned architects participated on various architectural topics in the presence of President IAB and moderated... **PAGE 11**



A poster design competition was organized on the occasion of the 11th death anniversary of ... **PAGE 20**



On September 4th, 2023, the IAB Center was graced by the presence of the renowned Architect, Madhavi Desai. She delivered a captivating talk on "Women Architects... **PAGE 31**



One of the important steps in the 3-step induction test for full members is to check the design quality of the projects that the applicant ... **PAGE 18**